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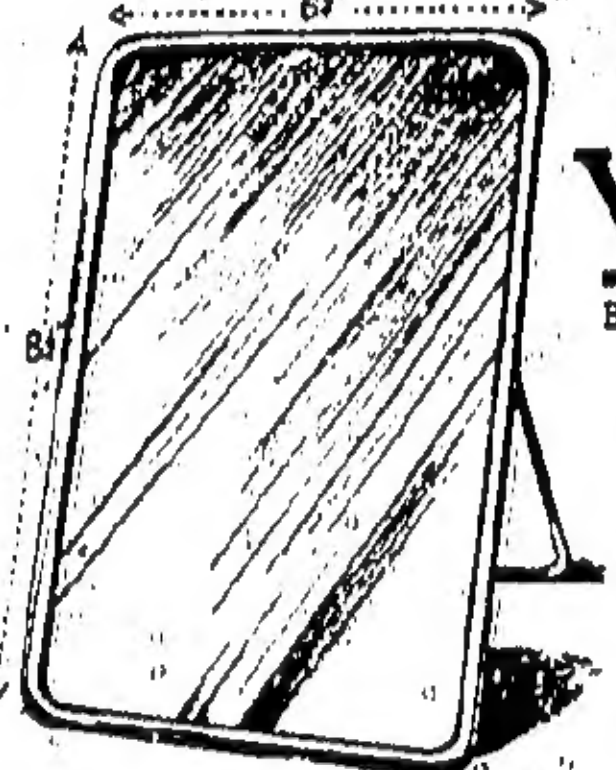
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ANOTHER DELUGE?

Dr. Koch's Suggestion In
Council.

SEEING TO THE FUTURE.

Commission on Vulnerability of
Local Places.

The following resolution was
moved by the Hon. Dr. W. V. M.
Koch at to-day's meeting of the
Legislative Council:—
That the Government be
pleased to appoint a
Commission to search for
examine, and report on, the
vulnerable parts of the Colony
and Mainland contiguous to
houses and roads which are
liable to storm water damage,
and make recommendations
which might tend to prevent
the occurrence of such damage.
Such Committee to consist of
experts outside the Govern-
ment service who would be as-
sociated with other experts in
the Government service to be
nominated by the Government.

The 1906 Typhoon.
In support of his proposal, Dr.
Koch said:—
In bringing forward this resolu-
tion for the acceptance of the
Council, I would like to say a few
words to recommend it to you.
It will be in the minds of the
older residents that years ago,
typhoons and rainstorms did not
create so much damage on land as
they have within recent years.

When the typhoon of '06
caused such loss of life and de-
struction to shipping, the Govern-
ment and the people were stirred
and public steps were taken to
try to avoid future dangers of a
similar kind. In consequence, at
considerable expense, the typhoon
refuge on the other side was built
and it has afforded excellent ac-
commodation for craft during
these severe blows, so that we
have not had any repetition on
any large scale of the destruction
of 1906.

Now, since the last five years,
the island has been opened up by
a series of roads most excellently
designed and well built, but I have
noticed that every year, one
might say without exception, at
the period of these heavy rain-
storms there have been landslides
all along these roads and—this
year—in the New Territories,
causing them to be blocked to
traffic for an appreciable length
of time.

"On Rotten Soil."
Now, there seems to be no
doubt that there is something de-
fective in the cutting of the
roads. These roads have for the
most part been cut through soft,
disintegrated, and what I might
call, rotten soil and these cut-
tings have been left as they were
made without any precautions
having been taken to prevent
what would strike anyone as the
probability of these slips. Not
only that, but on these main roads
the Government has taken advan-
tage of the boom in land some
years ago to sell plots for build-
ing purposes which seem to me to
be most insecure. Unless they
are built in a manner that would
obviate any possibility of a col-
lapse of retaining walls during
these heavy rainstorms there
will ever be present the danger of
such happenings as occurred a
few months ago leading to the
flooding of Happy Valley and as
occurred again last month leading
to a great deal of damage on
Stubbs Road.

Then, also, there is no doubt
that there should be some method
of dealing with nullahs, especial-
ly at their source, which would
obviate the terrible damage that
occurs from time to time owing to
their being blocked by boulders
and so overflowing and washing
away roads and bridges.

Proper Supervision.
And a third matter that I
would draw attention to is the
damage that is done by boulders
slipping away from their beds and
smashing up houses and doing
damage to property. Some years
ago, a huge boulder slipped down
Morrison Hill and damaged three
houses. Two years ago, another
huge boulder slipped down from
the Peak and smashed a house on
Barker Road. Now we have the
last example of this immense
boulder slipping down and smash-
ing up No. 3 pumping station.

There seems to me no reason
why engineering skill should not
be brought to bear on this ques-
(Continued on Page 6.)

PROPOSED FERRY.

FREE TRANSPORT FOR
PASSENGERS.

A READER'S VIEWS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir,—Apart from the question of
searching passengers on the pro-
posed new ferry (questions in re-
gard to which are being asked at
to-day's Council meeting), I do say
that the public is entitled to a free
ferry for passengers.

In nearly all places of the im-
portance of Hongkong and similar-
ly situated as regards access to the
place cause a bridge to be erected
for the use of which no charge is
made.

The Hongkong Government (in-
fluenced by the tremendous cost
and difficulties which would have
to be overcome) have decided
against the erection of a bridge.
They are therefore morally bound
to give alternative facilities for
crossing the harbour without
charge and personally I think that
the sooner the ferry for vehicles
and passengers starts the better.

Yours, etc.,
EUROPEAN RESIDENT,
Hongkong, August 25.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

FORD TRUCK IN A PADDY
FIELD.

OCCUPANTS INJURED.

A Ford truck with eight Chin-
ese passengers from Fanling ran
into a paddy field near the ninth
mile post and turned over on its
left side.

In a report made by the driver
of the vehicle he stated that some
dent entered his eye which made
him lose control of the wheel.
All the passengers were injured,
but none seriously.

Car Collision.
Another accident took place
near Connaught Road West, at
Whitty Street, at 1.30 this morn-
ing, but no one was injured.

A taxicab ran into a motor car,
damaging the mudguards and
footboard of the latter vehicle to
the extent of \$20. The taxicab
suffered damage estimated at
\$30.

LOITERER'S FALL.

INJURED IN ATTEMPT TO
ESCAPE.

PLEADS GUILTY IN COURT.

Before Major C. Willson at the
Central Magistracy this morning,
Miss Kwok Yim-kan, a telephone
operator, appeared as the complain-
ant against a Chinese who was
loitering on her premises.

It was stated by a European
police officer that the complainant
awoke at 3 o'clock in the morning
to find the defendant on the ver-
andah of the second floor of No. 7
Fat Hing Street. When his pre-
sence was detected, the man
attempted to escape by scrambling
down a drain pipe, but got hurt and
had to be kept in hospital until yester-
day when a spike wound.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty
and said he was forced to steal
owing to his small wage as a
scavenging coolie, was sentenced
to two months' hard labour.

SOME RAIN.

PROSPECTS TILL NOON
TO-MORROW.

The Observatory reports as under
this morning:—
Pressure has decreased consider-
ably at Vladivostok and increased
moderately at Shanghai. It is
nearly stationary at the majority of
other reporting stations. A depression
is approaching Vladivostok from
N.W. The Yangtze Valley de-
pression is moving northward.
Till noon to-morrow the forecast
for Hongkong and coast is south
west winds, moderate; generally
cloudy, some rain.

Revenue Officer R.O. Powell filed
an application this morning before
Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon
Magistracy for the confiscation of
seven revolvers and five pistols,
which were found at 4 Tong Street,
Yaumati, recently. On the day of
the raid, five Chinese were arrest-
ed, but as the Police did not find
sufficient evidence against them
they were released. The confisca-
tion order was granted.

COUNCIL QUERIES.

REPLIES TO UNOFFICIAL
MEMBERS.

ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

Interesting questions were asked
by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard
and the Hon. Dr. W. V. M. Koch
at to-day's meeting of the Legisla-
tive Council.
The replies by the Government
are also given below.

[By Mr. Bernard]
(Cross Harbour Ferry.)

1.—What is the present position
and what are the Government's
intentions with regard to the
establishment of a Ferry Ser-
vice across the Harbour cap-
able of handling vehicular
traffic which was referred to in
Mr. Duncan's Report laid be-
fore this Council in December,
1924?

(A)—A sessional paper
is in course of pre-
paration and will, it is
hoped, soon be published giv-
ing full particulars of the
scheme.

Dredging Sandbank.

2.—Will the Government explain
how it was that two large
vessels recently grounded in
the Harbour off the Kowloon
Railway Station?

Will the Government take
steps to dredge the sandbank at
an early date?

(A)—(a) The two vessels refer-
red to, the s.s. "Danmark" &
the s.s. "President McKinley,"
flying the Danish and United
States flags respectively
grounded off Kowloon Point
owing to the fact that they
attempted to pass over a por-
tion of the harbour bed
where, as was clearly shown
in the chart, there was in-
sufficient depths of water.

There was in fact less water
than is shown on the chart.

(b) The harbour is not silt-
ing up at the spot where the 2
ships referred to grounded.
This is shown by surveys
made in 1917 and 1924 and by
observations taken after the
recent groundings.

It is proposed to undertake
a further survey this year
and the matter will be
brought before the Finance
Committee this afternoon.

Happy Valley Damage.

3.—In view of the devastation at
Happy Valley caused by the re-
cent rainstorm will the Govern-
ment state what steps are
being taken to prevent a re-
currence of this? I refer espe-
cially to the spot on Stubbs
Road where a shoot has just
been re-erected for dumping
earth. This spot formed the
subject of an enquiry on
August 4 last year and Happy
Valley has now been damaged
twice from this quarter.

(A)—Certain additional large open
nullahs are being constructed
which, it is hoped, will prevent
a recurrence of the devastation
at Happy Valley. With regard
to the spot on Stubbs Road re-
ferred to, the damage to Happy
Valley from this quarter on the
occasion in question was negli-
gible. The reconstruction of
the shoot for dumping is neces-
sary to expedite the completion
of the open dump which cannot
be left in its present unfinished
state. The deposit of silt that
flowed over the Happy Valley
on this occasion was caused by
the bursting of a covered nullah
running under a neighbour-
ing dump from the same prop-
erty. The damage to the nullah
was caused by boulders from
the hill-side, and it is hoped
that the risk of similar damage
to Happy Valley will be obvi-
ated in future when the addi-
tional nullah construction al-
ready referred to has been com-
pleted.

Jury's Recommendations.

4.—What action has the Govern-
ment taken in regard to the
recommendations made by the
Jury at the enquiry of August
4, 1925?

(A)—The precautions taken by
Government include the recom-
mendations of the Jury as re-
gards reconstruction made on
August 6, 1925. The other re-
commendations have been com-
plied with as far as practic-
(Continued at Foot of Next
Column.)

Private Practitioners.

5.—It was understood, when the
Victoria Hospital was built by
Public Subscriptions as a
Memorial of Queen Victoria's
Jubilee, that Private Medical
Practitioners were to be al-
lowed to treat their own cases
there.

Will the Govern-ment at-
tend to the reason that led them to go
back on it?

(A)—I have not been able to trace
any such promise and I shall
be obliged if the honourable
member will be so good as to
furnish me with details which
will enable me to trace it.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar,
on demand, to-day, was 2/2 3/16.

HUNGHOM AFFRAY.

INDIAN CONSTABLE FATALLY
WOUNDED.

ASSAILANT AT LARGE.

A Chinese desperado evidently
kept a watchful eye on an Indian
constable's movements at Hung-
hom last night, as he succeeded in
gaining possession of the police-
man's revolver and shooting him
with it.

According to the official report,
Indian constable Fakir Mohamed
(B202) was on patrol duty at To
Kwa Wan Road, along with
another Indian constable (B459)
and parted company at about 9
p.m.

Fakir Mohamed went in the
direction of the reclamation where
he left his revolver on the
ground for a while. A
Chinese appeared suddenly,
picked up the revolver, and
fired at the constable at five yards
range, the bullet entering the back
and taking a downward course.
The assailant made his escape.

The wounded constable was
taken to hospital and gave details
of the affray, but he was unable to
give a description of his assailant.
At the time the above details
were given it was stated that the
constable's condition was very
serious, but it was gathered later
this morning that he died follow-
ing an operation.

THEFT CHARGE.

LOSSES OF THE NANYANG
COMPANY.

ACCOUNTANT ADMITS.

Liu Kai-ching, accountant at the
Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Com-
pany, pleaded guilty before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning to the theft of
70 boxes of cigarette paper.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the com-
plainants, applied for a formal re-
mand of the defendant in police
custody, pending investigations
into the books which might possibly
lead to other charges.

The case was adjourned until
September 2.

SNATCHER CAUGHT?

DETECTIVE'S ARREST THIS
MORNING.

If a Chinese now under arrest
turns out to be the man much want-
ed by the police for his persistent
attempts to rob European ladies in
the neighbourhood of Bonham
Road, a pest would be removed
from the mid-levels.

The arrest was effected at Aber-
deen this morning by a Chinese
police detective from No. 2 Station.
A parade would be held probably
this afternoon when the man would
be put up for identification.

able, except as regards the
amendment of the Public
Health and Buildings Ordinance,
which is still under con-
sideration.

[By Dr. Koch]
Kowloon Hospital.

1.—Will the Government state the
reason which led them to go
back on the promise or under-
standing that Private Medical
Practitioners would be allowed
to attend their own cases in the
Kowloon Hospital?

(A)—Government is not aware that
any such promise was made.
The honourable member is re-
ferred to the reply given to the
late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak on
December 29, 1925, which will
be found on page 116 of
Hansard for 1925.

Private Practitioners.

2.—It was understood, when the
Victoria Hospital was built by
Public Subscriptions as a
Memorial of Queen Victoria's
Jubilee, that Private Medical
Practitioners were to be al-
lowed to treat their own cases
there.

Will the Govern-ment at-
tend to the reason that led them to go
back on it?

FLAWS IN LAW.

WEAKNESS IN BUILDING
ORDINANCE?

SEQUEL TO TRAGEDY.

In the Legislative Council to-day,
the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard ask-
ed a question relating to "Recom-
mendations by a coroner's jury on
August 4, 1925."

"The query (and answer) is given
elsewhere in this issue.

Last August an inquiry was held
into the circumstances attending
the death of a coolie who was
guarding a steam roller, through
the collapse of a retaining wall at
the corner of Happy Valley during
the 1925 flood.

Mr. S. B. B. McElderry sat as
Coroner, and the jury comprised
Messrs. D. Templeton (foreman),
C. J. Joseph and D. O. Russell.

Important Verdict.

After a lengthy summing up by
the coroner, in which he explained
to the jury their duty under the
law, the jury retired and brought
in the following verdict:—
"We find that deceased, Kwong
Fat, met his death by misadventure
from bodily injuries in accordance
with medical evidence submitted.
In view of the fact that the Cor-
oner's summing up very ably covers
the whole question, which, as
jurors have been called upon to de-
cide, we wish to state that we
entirely agree with the same, but
would desire to add the following
riders:—

1. The Public Health and Build-
ings Ordinance in so far as it
covers the development of sites
and construction of retaining
walls needs immediate amend-
ment. Such amendment as
regards retaining walls must
enforce the drawing up of a
proper and complete set of
specification of materials to
accompany each submitted plan
and further that not only
should each retaining wall be
judged individually upon its
own merits, but that the final
authorisation for construction
should rest solely in the hands
of the Director of Public
Works.

Those Who Were Censured.

2. There should be more co-or-
dination and co-operation be-
tween the Building Authority,
the Drainage Engineer and the
Executive Engineer in charge
of Roads than appears to exist
at present.

3. Regarding development of sites
and for the prevention of land
slides during such development,
we are of the opinion the ques-
tion of drainage is most vital
and in consequence each such
development plan must be sub-
mitted to the Drainage En-
gineer for his approval before
work is started and that res-
ponsibility for such approved
drainage during development
shall rest solely with the
architect in charge.

4. The architects deserve censure
for the attitude adopted by
them in regard to their respon-
sibilities.

5. That the P.W.D. overseer in
charge deserves censure for
failing to report to his senior
officer such a glaring case of
inferior workmanship.

6. We consider that work on the
rebuilding of the retaining wall
should cease until the Hon.
D.P.W. is himself assured that
proper drainage and other pre-
cautions have been taken to
prevent a repetition of this
disastrous occurrence."

MACAO EN-FETE.

Macao was en fete to-day, the
breakwater and other structures
in the new (outer) harbour being
all beflagged with the fleet of the
Netherlands Harbour Works Co.

All work on the new anchorage
was stopped to-day, the holiday
being observed—it is stated—as
the opening of the new harbour to
shipping.

It will be remembered that at 5
o'clock in the morning of August
10, an Indian constable was assail-
ed in Nathan Road by three Chin-
ese who tried to steal his revolver.
One of the assailants was arrested,
but the other two escaped. An-
other Chinese, who is supposed to
have participated in the affray, was
arrested yesterday by the Kowloon
Police, and was charged this
morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill
at the Kowloon Magistracy. The
trial will be heard next Wednesday
together with that of the first de-
fendant.

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WEI-HAI-WEI.

**AWAITING FORMATION OF
GOVERNMENT AT PEKING.**

UNCERTAIN STATE OF AFFAIRS

Weihaiwei, August 10. Someone has said "Happy is the country which has no history." He might have added, "but thrice cursed is the place where uncertainty prevails." Almost from its infancy as a British possession there have been doubt and uncertainty as to Weihaiwei's future, one of the earliest rumours being that the lease of the Territory was about to be transferred to Germany—a rumour that was of sufficient importance and persistence to provoke an official denial.

Downing St., August 15, 1901. Sir—In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to inform you that the rumour that Weihaiwei is about to be handed over to Germany is without foundation.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
C. P. Lucas.

The Fates, it would seem, have decreed that the uncertainty which has been such a hindrance to enterprise and development at Weihaiwei for a generation, shall pursue up to the bitter end. It is now over four years ago that Lord Balfour announced at the Washington Conference that the Territory would be restored to China. We still wait the establishment of a recognised Government at Peking. We are still in doubt as to important details of the terms of rendition: we still engage in a fruitless and profitless exercise-marking time.

Fortunately there is another and a brighter side to the picture. While in other parts of China during the past year wars, riots, boycotts have done much to inflict ruinous losses on the country, Weihaiwei has remained peaceful—an oasis in a howling wilderness. Here the agitator has ceased from troubling and the politician is at rest.

British Rule.

With a fine disregard for historical fact and of the circumstances under which Weihaiwei came to be a British possession, the Bolshevik students of China have placed Weihaiwei in their list of the "eight crimes" of the British Government. Yet if it were possible to invite the inhabitants of this Territory to vote on the question—by secret ballot—I have little doubt there would be a substantial majority in favour of the retention of British rule in preference to Chinese administration. We have our local "patriots," and it speaks well for the general wisdom, the broad toleration of British rule that some of the most rabid are employees of the local Government. There is, of course, no interference with freedom of speech, with legitimate criticism, but we all realise that there is a certain line that may not be crossed; that words and acts that might lead to public disturbance will be sternly dealt with.

Weihaiwei City.

The boundary of the Territory of Weihaiwei is a semi-circle ten miles from the shore of the harbour. But within this area is an enclave, the walled City, which has all along been under Chinese jurisdiction. Of recent years there has been an appreciable migration of the inhabitants of the City, who have bought them land and built their houses in British territory. For one reason, or another, these people seem to prefer to live under the rule of a "brutal and imperialistic" Government! And the unbiased observer, whether Chinese or foreign, will surely conclude that—since actions speak louder than words—this migration is a distinct tribute to the general justice and efficiency of British administration. Nor can there be much doubt as to the views of the historian of the future. He, surely, will decide that, when 28 years ago—with the consent, if not at the actual invitation, of the Chinese Government—Great Britain took over Weihaiwei from the Japanese army of occupation, and thereby added another straw to the White Man's burden, she not only opposed a check and counterpoise to the aggressive designs of Russia and Germany, but she also conferred immense benefits on the inhabitants of this district.

Motor Traffic.

At the Washington Conference, Lord Balfour suggested the construction of a railway to connect Weihaiwei with its hinterland. A few months later the Retrocession Commission went into the question and decided that a railway was impracticable, but that motor roads should be constructed. There can be little doubt that when rendition is an accomplished fact the importation of motors will be permitted—at present forbidden by ordinance and proclamation, dated 1920. This ordinance confers on Weihaiwei the almost unique distinction of being one of very few places under the sun where motor traffic is officially forbidden, and the history of this question is of

some interest. So long as the Chinese Regiment was in existence there was no discrimination against the motor. Subsequently it was generally understood that—for reasons given—the Head of our local government objected to motor traffic, and definite applications were rejected. The Medical Officer of Health applied for permission to import a motor-cycle and side-car to enable him to reach urgent "cases" more rapidly. Verboten! Local Chinese put forward a project for connecting Shihao with Weihaiwei by a local road. Verboten! Finally a local British merchant sought permission to import three scooters. Verboten! But it was not till 1920 that the situation was regularised by the ordinance referred to above.

Pros and Cons.
Under British rule a measure of prosperity has come to Weihaiwei and to a great extent this is due to the fact that like Hongkong and Singapore, it has been a free port. Steps have already been taken to establish a customs house here, and it is to be feared that when the Territory is transferred to the Chinese Government a substantial proportion of our trade will disappear. Hence the extreme importance of opening up the hinterland as soon as possible. Unfortunately funds are scarce and our revenue is barely sufficient to cover current expenses. But I have reason for asserting that if official permission could be obtained—which would require, I understand, reference to the Colonial Office, London—funds from another source would be available. In short, where there's the will, there's a way.

The official attitude has been that the roads are too narrow, the bridges too weak, and that the road surface would rapidly deteriorate under motor traffic. The obvious reply is that bridges can be avoided by paying the begs of the streams they span; that narrow roads can be slightly widened at intervals of a few hundred yards at small cost; and that surface wear caused by a motor vehicle with its four wheels and rubber tyres would probably not exceed the damage done by a two-wheeled,

springless cart loaded with salt. The cost of macadamised roads is at present prohibitive, but a via media seems possible; and mud roads, similar to those being constructed in other parts of China, would go a long way towards solving our problem. No one—excepting the man with an axe of his own to grind—will pretend that the withdrawal of the British administration will not be a serious loss to Weihaiwei, and to avoid greater loss an intelligent anticipation of events seems necessary.

A Cholera Scare.
On her last trip from Shanghai, an infected port, the Lianshing arrived with a case of sickness on board, which was concealed from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Francis Clark, who visited the ship to carry out the usual inspection. The patient, a member of the Compradore's staff, was handed over to a boat employed by a local Chinese hotel, and surreptitiously landed at Port Edward Jetty. Fortunately he died before he could be moved further and the subsequent autopsy revealed cholera of a virulent type. The usual precautions have been taken and it is extremely unlikely that other cases will occur among those who came in contact with the deceased while being brought ashore.

The Sequel.

Police inquiries have led to an action in the local court, Mr. Paul Lan, ex-manager of Messrs. Cornaby, Eckford & Co., being charged with a breach of the quarantine regulations. With him is associated Mr. Sun of the Foo Wei Company as an accessory in the offence. The defendants asserted that, accompanied by Messrs. Cornaby's new manager, Mr. Mu, they boarded the Lianshing after the doctor had left and after the sick man had been sent away; that Mr. Lan merely agreed to the request of the ship's compradore to pay the expenses of a sick man sent ashore; that there was no attempt at concealment; and that on returning to the shipping office prompt action was taken to communicate with the Civil Hospital. This story is contradicted by the testimony of three witnesses—two sampan men and the hotel tout

who stated, under oath, that the deceased was placed in their care by Mr. Lan, and that the latter instructed them to take him ashore. On the evidence before him, the presiding Magistrate, Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop of the Hongkong Police, sentenced Mr. Paul Lan to six months' imprisonment and Mr. Sun to a \$100 fine.

The case has excited considerable local interest and the Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative in promoting a petition to Mr. Russell Brown, Officer Administering the Government. Mr. Paul Lan has been a resident of Weihaiwei for 20 years and has won the respect and esteem of both foreigners and Chinese. Those who know him best are convinced that he is incapable of a deliberate breach of the law of so serious a nature; that, at the most, there may have been an error of judgment on his part; and that the real culprit is to be found on board the Lianshing. —"N. C. Daily News."

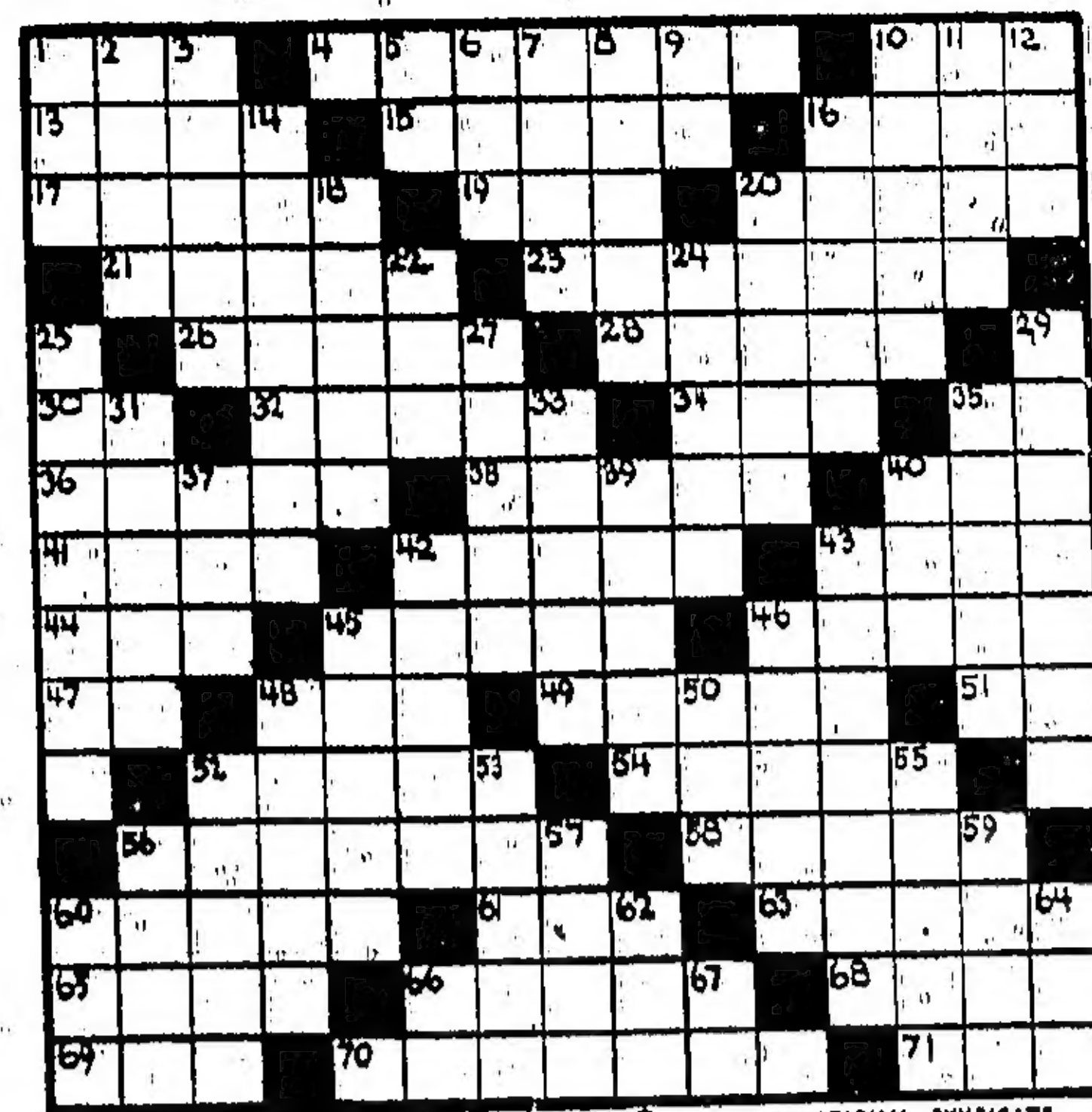
TO PRESERVE LAKELAND.

The necessity of adopting a regional planning scheme for the Lake District as a protective measure against spoliation through indiscriminate development of the area was discussed at a conference at Kendal, Sir John Weston, Bt., chairman of the Westmorland County Council, said they were anxious to have a scheme in order to improve roads, remove ugly roadside advertisements, and preserve the natural beauties of Lakeland. A new loop road was suggested from the main Lancaster to Kendal highway to the seaside resorts on Morecambe Bay, as this would be advantageous to motor traffic, which now poured into the district during the holiday season. The Lake District protection societies, and the Ministry of Health are to be consulted on the subject.

"It is high time the parties should recognise women for their own distinctions, and not for the distinctions of their husbands." Mrs. Dudley F. Malone.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, ploch, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1—Came together
4—Enochian
10—Light blow
12—Among
13—Billow
14—Anger
17—Woody
19—Light afternoon meal
20—Large internal organ of the body
21—To resist authority
23—Leaned over
25—Cavalry sword
26—Frame for holding a picture
32—Lip
33—Backless seat
34—A high government official (abbr.)
35—Exclamation
36—Annoy
38—Foundation
40—Direct
41—Want
42—Piquant
43—At the lee side
44—Frozen water
45—Hurries
46—Makes uniform
47—Church of England (abbr.)
48—A weight
49—Bart

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

51—Prefix, Apart
52—A bear
54—To put forth effort
56—Origine
58—In
60—A boat's canvas (pl.)
61—Large container for liquids
62—Wigwag
63—Absolute
66—Cold (past)
68—Passes away
69—Aye
70—Luggage carriers (abbr.)
71—Dental degree (abbr.)

VERTICAL

1—Small rug
2—High Turkish official (abbr.)
3—Wearies
5—Province of Canada (abbr.)
6—Deep track
7—Raw metals
8—A variegated quartz
9—Prefix meaning "from"
10—To take apart the threads of
11—Old
12—Through
14—Degraded

VERTICAL (Cont.)

15—Mature
18—Obligations
20—Falls to keep
22—Lion (Latin)
24—Green spot in desert
25—Horizontal malding (Archi)
27—Down
29—Egyptian king
31—Female relative
33—Endures
35—Legal claims
37—Southern general
38—Mode
40—Liquor
42—Overpowering fright
46—Period of time (pl.)
48—Occurrence
49—Horribly
50—Woodman's tool
52—Skin tumors
53—At no time
55—Lukewarm
56—Auction
57—To cure or season
59—Stem of tall grass
60—Speak
62—Bind
64—Feminine suffix
65—Process
67—Bookkeeper's term (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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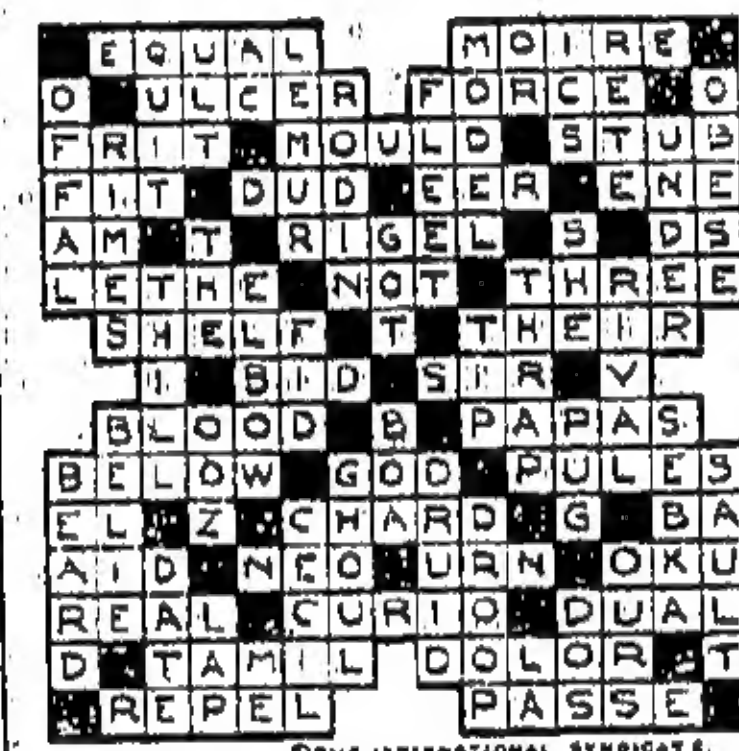
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TACOMA MARUFriday, 3rd September.

SYDNEY MARUTuesday, 7th September.

SUMATRA MARUSunday, 19th September.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOHMO MARUMonday, 30th August.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan

Ports.

ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Saturday, 1st September.

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MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.

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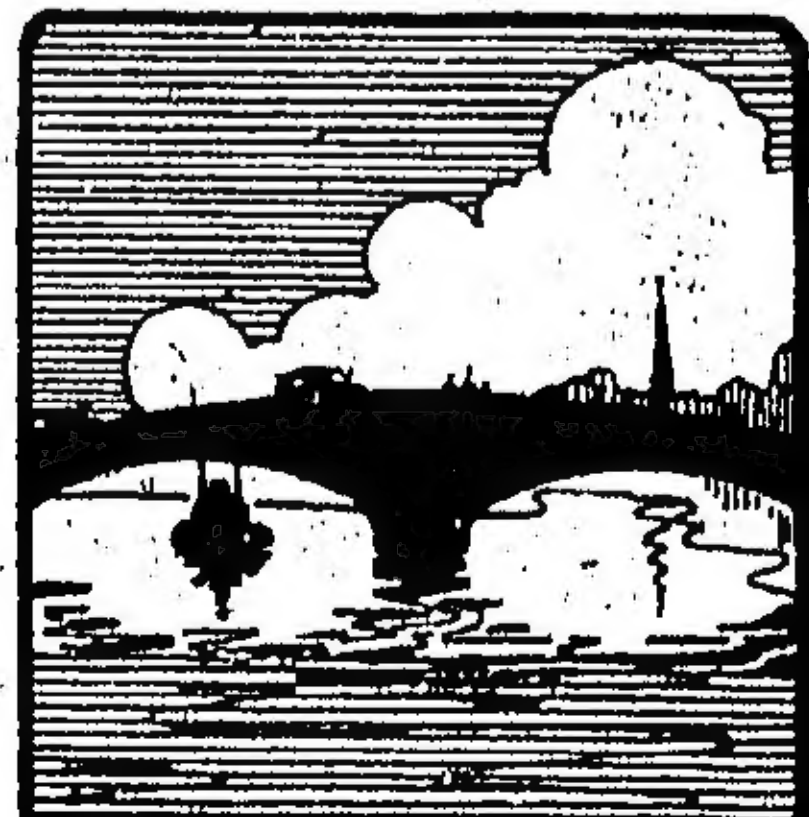
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NEAR.

FACTS OF NOTE.

With 1,577 tons of general cargo and passengers for Hongkong, and over 3,000 tons for the Japanese ports, the B. & I. liner s.s. "Tilawa" arrived in port early this morning. She also brought about 131 bags the Home mail, and is scheduled to leave for Yokohama via Moji, and Kobe on Friday at daylight.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha freighter s.s. "Malacca Maru" arrived in port this morning from Calcutta via Singapore with 550 tons of general cargo and about 40 bags of mail. She also brought about 3,672 tons of general cargo consisting mostly of pig iron for Japan. She will be despatched to-morrow morning for Yokohama, via Shanghai.

The freighter s.s. "Mau Sang" of the Indo-China Steam Navigation arrived this morning from Sandakan with a small cargo and 4 bags of mail for Hongkong, about 3,200 tons of general cargo mostly timber, for Japan. The "Mau Sang" is expected to stay in port about a fortnight.

The Dollar Liner "President Cleveland" is expected to arrive in port at daylight to-morrow morning from Manila, with cargo, passengers and Manila mail. She will leave for San Francisco on August 29 at 10 a.m.

LOSS OF KOORINGA.

MARINE COURT'S FINDINGS.

Melbourne, July 30.

The Court of Marine Inquiry, which has been hearing evidence regarding the loss by fire of the Holman Line steamer "Kooringa" off Cape Schanck on July 14 delivered judgment to-day on the questions submitted at the opening of the inquiry by the Deputy Director of Navigation (Captain L. I. Bolger), representing the Navigation Department.

According to the evidence the "Kooringa" was at the time of the outbreak of fire on the way from Melbourne to Burnie with a cargo of benzene. Off Cape Schanck an explosion occurred, followed by large flames, which necessitated the abandoning of the vessel. The crew of thirteen men succeeded in leaving the ship, although several men were severely burned. The flames were seen by the lookout on the steamer "Kooyong," which picked up the men and took them to Melbourne. The Court comprised Mr. P. Cohen, P.M. chairman, and two assessors, Captain S. A. Pidgeon and Mr. R. J. Lewis.

The judgment of the Court included the following findings:—"When the 'Kooringa' left Melbourne on July 14 she was in a good and seaworthy condition, properly manned, and adequately equipped with life saving and fire extinguishing appliances. All proper precautions were taken in connection with the loading and stowage of the cargo of petroleum spirit. The cause of the explosion cannot be ascertained definitely. The most probable explanation is that an explosive mixture of petrol vapour and air existed in the broken stowage and cargo free space of No. 1 hold; that a vapour train of this mixture, escaping by some small opening through the wooden deck, was ignited about the level by a chance flame of a discarded match, or a flying match head, or by the remains of a smoke ash fanned to a bright red heat, such as would occur if thrown down when alight, and it was caught in a strong draught of air and blown along the deck so far as could be definitely ascertained from the evidence, the Court is of the opinion that the explosion and fire were not contributed to or caused by any want of care, incompetency, or wrongful act on the part of the master, or any other person concerned. In the circumstances then existing the master was justified in abandoning the vessel at the time he did, and he took all proper steps to secure the safety of the persons on board. The Court desires to express its appreciation of the behaviour of the master, officers, and crew of the 'Kooringa' in the most trying circumstances."

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
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THE MORNING LIST.

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Tanda (4236) Br. from Yokohama, Moji; M. M. & Co.
Asphallion (3936) Br. from Yokohama, Shanghai; B. & S.
Clenarney (4656) Br. from London, Singapore; J. M. & Co.
Halyang (1839) Br. from Foochow, Amoy; Douglas Co.
Tjikandi (4853) Du. from Yokohama, Moji; J. C. J. L.
Glyno Maru (6118) Jap. from Nagasaki; N. Y. K.
Sanuki Maru (3560) Jap. from Yokohama, Moji; O. S. K.
Samarang Maru (2500) Jap. from Sourabaya, Balikpapan; Nanyo Y. K.
Hakodate Maru (3226) Jap. from Kobe, Moji; N. Y. K.
Sun Kong (322) Chi. from Kwong-chow-wan; Man Yick.

Departures.

For Swatow: Van Cloon, Kotau Maru.
For Sebatik: Bithina.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Hanol.
For Shanghai: Glenarney, Sunning, Medon.
For Manila: Empress of Canada.
For Singapore: Asphallion.
For Haiphong: Borneo.

Clearances.

For Jesselton: Lok Sun.
For Muntok: Tjikembang.
For Keelung: Hakodate Maru.
For Kobe: Protesilaus.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Poo Sang.
For Sandakan: Himsang.
For Singapore: Kumsang.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following

numbers of vessels were in

port:-

British 24
Panama 1
German 1
Japanese 5
Chinese 12
Dutch 7
Portuguese 2

Total 52.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe on August 24 at 7 p.m. left Kobe yesterday at 5 p.m. and is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nellere" left Singapore for this port on August 24 at 4 p.m. and is due here on August 29 at about noon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeyapore" left Singapore for this port on August 23 at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 25th instant at about 4 p.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on August 24 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on September 6.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan Ports and Shanghai, on August 19 and is due here on September 6.

KWANGTUNG RIVERS.

Waterlevels (In English Feet)

at 8 a.m.

Aug. 22 Aug. 23.

West River at

Shiuhing + 16.4 + 15.7

North River at

Tsingyuen + 5.4 + 5.2

North River at

Samshui + 9.56 + 8.64

East River at

Sheklung + 2.0 + 1.9

"TAISHO-MARU" COLLISION.

As already reported the collision off the "Taisho Maru" of the Sato Kuni Shoten, of Kobe, with a wharf in Shanghai port managed by the Taku Steamship Company. The wharf is now reported by the Mainichi as split into two and the company is rumoured to have demanded 100,000 taels damages against the ship's agent at Shanghai connected with the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. It is further reported that the local Customs' surveyor is making investigations of the damage, and the result is expected to be published in a few days. The owner of the ship estimates the damage at ¥10,000 or so.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

For causing obstruction in the harbour, by going abreast two similar craft already in position alongside ships, coxswains were each fined \$5 at the Marine Court to-day, as follows:-
m.b. "London," alongside the "Van Overstraten."
m.b. "Tung Shing," alongside the "Mingsang."

"Rather rough weather on going through Formosa Channel," reports the s.s. "Tjikandi," on arrival here.

AUSTRALIAN COAST.

INADEQUATE SURVEY.
PRIMITIVE CHARTS.

Melbourne, July 29.

Less than one-twentieth part of the Australian coastline, is adequately charted, and there still exists stretches of thousands of miles which had never been surveyed. In the course of the inquiry into the loss of the steamer "Cooma," on North Reef, Queensland, it was stated that the charts used in the navigation of the vessel were constructed more than 50 years ago.

Inquiries made to-day at the hydrographic branch of the Royal Australian Navy revealed the almost primitive condition of the hydrographic information concerning Australian waters. The first charts of Australia were constructed by Captain Cook in the "Endeavour" in 1770, and by Captain Matthew Flinders in the years 1802-4. The work of Cook was approximately accurate, but far from complete and that of Flinders, while remarkably exact, did not approach in precision the work which is done at the present day with the aid of accurately made and calibrated surveying instruments. Nevertheless for some parts of the coast these century-old charts, prepared under the direction of Captain Flinders, are the only existing aids to navigation. Cook and Flinders and Captain Bligh, who also carried out surveys in North Queensland, established the existence of the Great Barrier Reef. A number of short surveys have been made since the construction of Flinders' chart, but the last work of any extent was done in 1870 by Captain Bedwell, who was at that time the chief authority on the existing charts of the Great Barrier Reef region.

Captain Bedwell made a careful survey of the area lying between Sandy Cape and the Whitunday Group of islands which includes North Reef. It is the chart constructed from this survey which has served as the groundwork for existing charts, small additions and alterations having been made from time to time as additional authentic information has become available. It is now considered by the Hydrographic Department that the inner route along the Queensland coast has been surveyed in sufficient detail for ships of medium draught, but for the larger vessels of the present day any survey completed before 1900 must be considered of doubtful value.

The tidal information concerning Australian waters is also very scanty and this is rendered a more serious matter by the fact that tides in tropical Australia are erratic, and the ebbing and flowing currents may be exceedingly strong. Work recently completed and in course of publication includes the survey of Port Darwin harbour and its approaches, the Sir Edward Pellew group in the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Fitzborough Channel, and several other smaller stretches of hitherto imperfectly charted waters. It is significant that during these surveys shoals had been found in the main trade routes.

NEW SOVIET SHIPS.

Moscow, July 22.—The Sovoryet (Soviet Mercantile Fleet) has submitted to the authorities for approval plans for the construction of two oil-driven vessels for a fast mail, passenger and freight service between the Crimea and the Caucasus and also for navigation in the Mediterranean Sea. In addition to the above orders have been placed already with the "Henri Marty" State Shipyard in Nikolaev for two oil tankers, for the conveyance of crude and refined oil to the ports on the Black Sea and the Near East. Both these vessels have a displacement of 2,150 tons, the highest class in the U.S.S.R. mercantile register.

SALVAGE SHIP DISPATCHED.

A Moji message reports that the "Tone Maru" (4,070 tons) of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha went ashore in the small hours of the 6th instant at the northern point of Dox, Okinawa Islands, in the Japan Sea, on her way from "Murotan" to Hongkong laden with a cargo of coal. She broke, it is further stated, her stem, causing a heavy leakage. The Moji Branch of the Tokyo Salvage Company received this report and the "Adzuma Maru" was dispatched for relief on the afternoon of the same day.

Tokyo August 17.—The "Keelung Maru" and the "Malay Maru" went ashore at the Loochoos during a violent storm yesterday morning. The cargoes and crews are reported as safe. A naval vessel has been despatched to the rescue. The Loochoo capital, Naha, it is reported, was damaged by the storm, several houses being blown down, though there were no serious casualties.

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YANGTZE DISASTER.

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1.—Out of one hundred and thirty crew and one hundred and sixty-nine ordinary passengers with tickets, together with a considerable number of passengers travelling free, some three hundred persons are safe, whilst sixty-three corpses have been found. In view, however, of the fact that the number of free passengers cannot be confirmed, the exact number of lives lost cannot be stated.

2.—Damage to cargo is estimated at some three hundred and fifty (or sixty) thousand taels and includes the loss of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine bales of cotton yarn and textile, two hundred bags of rice, six hundred bags of wheat and some amount of sugar and other general merchandise.

The bulk of the burnt ship was towed to Hankow to-day and is to be towed later by the s.s. "Taifuku Maru" to Shanghai.—"Rango."

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers who departed from Hongkong for Manila per s.s. "Empress of Canada" on August 25:—

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STRANDED COOMA.

MARINE INQUIRY. ERRATIC CURRENTS.

Melbourne, July 29.
Additional particulars regarding the state of the tides and currents off North Reef, about the time when the Cooma went aground, were given to-day by witnesses before the Court of Marine Inquiry, which continued the hearing of a charge against the master of the vessel, George Colston Maine, of dereliction of duty in that he failed to navigate the ship with due caution, with the result that she stranded on the reef and was subsequently abandoned. Two witnesses were called, both having been brought from Brisbane specially to give evidence.

Perceval Henning Day, the deputy marine superintendent of the Australasian United Steam Navigation Co. at Brisbane, said that he held an extra master's certificate, and had had 30 years' experience. Having been on the Queensland coast for more than five years, he knew North Reef and the usual run of the current there. At flood tide it set to the westwards, and at ebb tide to the eastward, at a speed of from two to three knots. He was in charge of the tug Coringa, which sailed from Brisbane on the morning of July 9 for North Reef, where she arrived on the following afternoon, with salvage and towing gear. She anchored on the reef, about 300 yards astern of the Cooma, in 15 fathoms of water. He noticed a very strong set to the westward, and fearing that the ship would drift he put a man on the lead. It was found that the current was so strong that even with a 14th lead it was necessary to take a cast, as the lead would not remain at the bottom if it dropped. The speed of the current was at least five knots. It was very erratic at other times, and very early on the morning of July 11 he found that the vessel had swung with her head to the north-east, as if it was a flood tide, although she had been setting the opposite way on the ebb tide. On the same morning he went on board the Cooma, and Captain Maine drew his attention to the fact that although according to the tables it was flood tide, both the Coringa and the Burwah were setting to the westwards, as if the tide was on the ebb. He had noticed the currents and tide erratic, but this case was exceptional.

Mr. Cussen (for Captain Maine and the owners): It has been said that the light of North Reef is only 75 ft. above high water. Is it possible to tell the distance a ship is off the light?
Witness: No; the light is so low that it is very difficult to estimate the distance, and it would be hard to tell whether it was five miles or only two miles.
Do you think that in the circumstances the course set at Wreck Island was safe?
Yes, the master has every reason to think his vessel would pass a safe distance from the reef.
The Chairman (Mr. Cohen, P.M.): What would you call a safe distance?
Witness: Even a mile, or half a mile would be safe. The reef is very steep.
Captain Bolger: Would he have endangered his ship by making allowance for a set inwards which did not exist?
Witness: No; the effect would have been to take the vessel two miles further out, in the safe direction. There is plenty of room to the east.

At this stage Captain Bolger desired to lay before the Court observations of the tidal streams taken from H. M. A. S. Moresby on July 8, 9, and 10, but Mr. Cussen objected, as the person who had taken the observations was not present to be cross-examined, and his objection was upheld by the Chairman.

George Frederick Albert Long, assistant wharfinger to the A.U.S.N. Company at Brisbane, said that for ten years he had had experience of the Queensland coast, having been on the Brisbane to Townsville mail service for several years. He signed on at Brisbane as mate of the Coringa, and saw the strange effects of the tide as mentioned by Captain Day. It would not have endangered the ship to allow for a set of two knots which did not exist.

The Court adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, when the verdict will be given.

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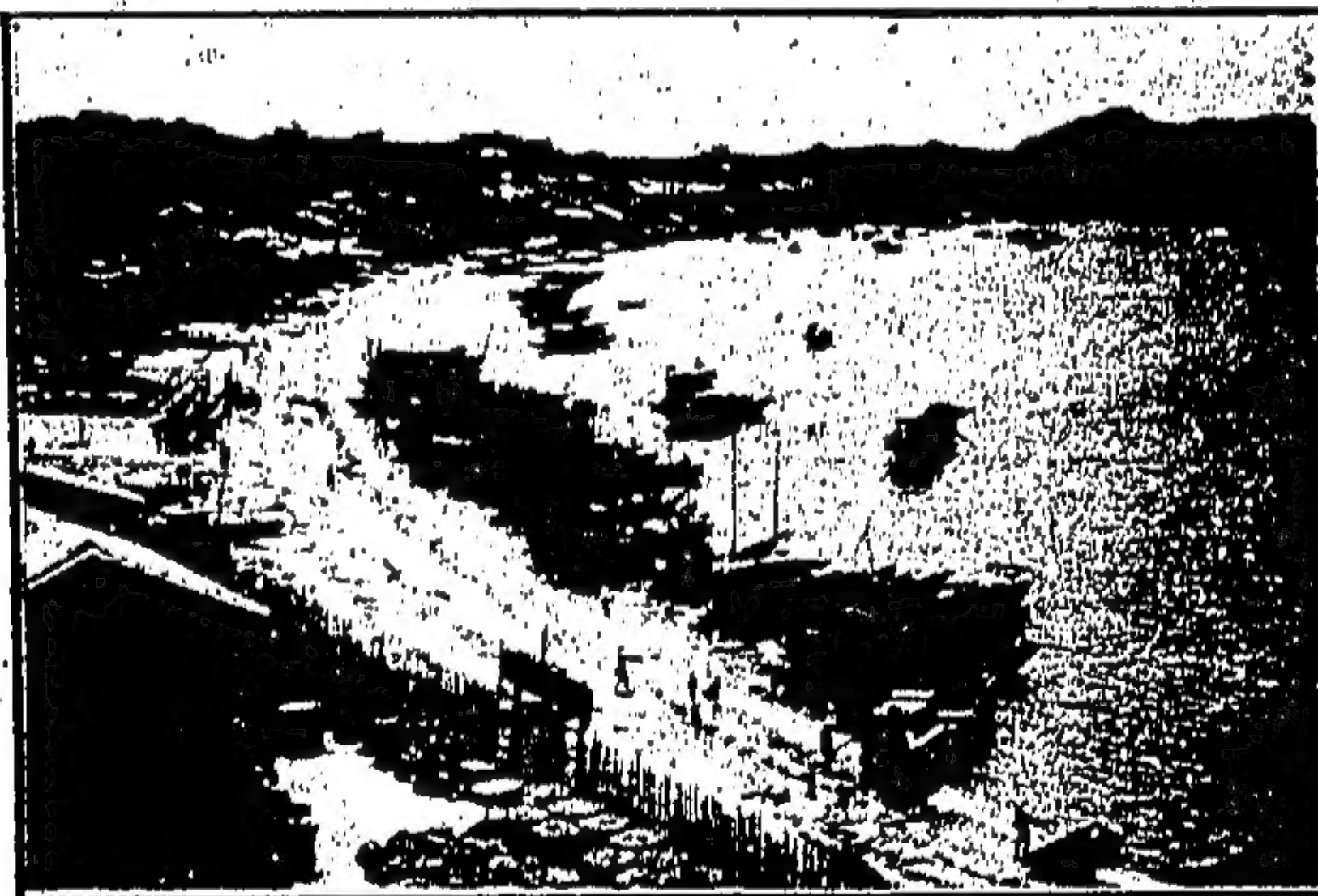
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It was only becoming that the Chinese community should arrange a gathering at which to express their congratulations to Sir Shouson Chow on being honoured with a Knighthood and a seat on the Executive Council of the Colony. Honour, like troubles, apparently never comes singly, and the gratification of the Chinese community will by no means be confined to them. In view of the unique "double event" there is no reason why the non-Chinese community should not likewise invite the new Knight to be the guest of honour, and thus further in an appropriate and practical manner that spirit of Concord which His Excellency the Governor dwelt upon some months ago.

The Chairman at last night's dinner, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, struck a good note when he remarked that Hongkong has been passing through difficult times, and that, thanks to the co-operation of Sir Shouson and Dr. Kotewall with the authorities, peace and order have been so successfully maintained that the Chinese have been able to pursue their occupations peacefully. The history of the recent—and indeed the present—crisis through which the Colony is passing amply demonstrates that the best Chinese thought and opinion are ever on the side of the flag that gives them the surest protection—the Union Jack. Whatever may be the end of the present troubles in China itself it can be forecasted with the same confidence that the Chinese as a whole shall never turn their backs on the Power that has done so much through the ages to secure for them a worthy place in the comity of nations and to further, by all honourable means that position in international trade for which their unrivalled resources so admirably entitle her. That by the way.

In this Colony the Chinese are not ungrateful to the Government and they owe much to leaders such as Sir Shouson, Dr. Kotewall, and Sir Robert Ho Tung for their sincere and undivided co-operation with the authorities in every

time of stress and difficulty. If, as the Chairman at last night's gathering stated, the Chinese community regard the appointment of Sir Shouson to the Executive Council as the realisation of a long-cherished ambition, giving to the Chinese a share in the government of the Colony and minimising the opportunities for misunderstandings between the West and the East, it has to be freely conceded by the non-Chinese section that honour has been conferred where honour was due. Moreover, the non-Chinese community cannot but see in the appointment of Sir Shouson to the Executive Council the earnest of greater co-operation and concord in the future than has ever been possible in the past. The appointment cannot but exercise a most important bearing on all future relations between the Government and the Chinese on the one hand and between the Chinese and the non-Chinese on the other. For that, if for no other reason, the suggestion may be repeated that the new member of the Executive Council might well be invited to be the guest of honour of the foreign community.

PICKET PIRATES.

JUNK HELD UP IN CHINESE WATERS.

CARGO & PROPERTY TAKEN.

The master of a trading junk (T4684) which left Hongkong for Hoihow with a general cargo on August 18 and returned to the Colony yesterday made a report of a piracy by strike pickets whilst on the outward voyage.

When the junk was at Shek Wan Bay, in Chinese waters, at midnight of the day after leaving Hongkong, eight men armed with rifles and revolvers approached in a boat flying the strike picket flag. Five of the armed men boarded the vessel and questioned the master regarding his movements and the nature of the cargo he had on board.

Ten bags of flour valued at \$100, clothing to the value of \$100 and \$40 in Chinese money was taken by the armed gang before they rowed away in the direction of the shore.

The junk continued her voyage to Hoihow and reported, the incident at the Harbour Office on her return.

COMING WEDDING.

**MISS D. M. HOLYOAK AND
CAPT. ARMSTRONG.**

FIXED HERE FOR OCT.

The wedding is expected to take place in Hongkong towards the end of October of Dorothy Muriel Holyoak, daughter of Mrs. Holyoak and the late Hon. P. H. Holyoak, to Capt. C. D. Armstrong, M.C., 1st East Surrey Regiment.

The announcement of the forthcoming marriage was posted yesterday in the usual manner on the Registrar's board.

Mrs. Holyoak and her daughters are leaving England for Hongkong by the "Antenor" which sails from Liverpool on September 11 and is due to arrive here on October 13.

The East Surrey Regiment, is due to leave Hongkong for India at the end of October.

"SAD HANDICAP."

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR ON
PLAYGROUND.**

REPORT FOR 1925.

In this Colony where lack of playing fields is such a sad, if inevitable, handicap to our schools, states the 1925 report of the Director of Education, to be placed before the Council to-day, it is pleasant to be able to report that a football ground and a ground available for tennis courts, both in King's Park were placed at the disposal of the Central British School at the end of the year. It is hoped that a good ground in King's Park will also be provided for Yaumatei School; where the pupils who are keen sportsmen may not only play football and hold their sports but also if it can be arranged, be taught to play cricket.

In spite of lack of school grounds, it should be possible to arrange for cricket matches between the bigger schools, Government and Grant-in-Aid, by borrowing certain Club grounds.

Queen's College are fortunate in having a football ground at Causeway Bay, and much is expected from the new Queen's College playing fields, but that lies in the future. The Indian Recreation Club has done much for the pupils of the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School by placing its ground frequently at their disposal.

Growing Requirements.

The report goes on to state that the Quarry Bay Junior School, started in 1924, had a most successful year under able management. The new building is well advanced. Our thanks are again due to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for their kindly interest in the welfare of the school and for their loan of its present premises. The Central British School is already finding that the 5 new class rooms built in 1924 are not enough to provide for its natural expansion.

Similarly the Kowloon Junior School needs accommodation if it is to meet the growing requirements of the neighbourhood.

Effect of Troubles.

With regard to English-Teaching Government Schools (for other than British pupils), a comparison of the total roll in May and in December shows how these schools were affected by the troubles that began for the Colony in June.

In May the numbers were 3,190 and in December they were 1,898. At the same time it must be remembered that numbers are not necessarily a measure of efficiency.

The sudden fall in numbers chiefly affected the higher classes, and instead of admitting large numbers of younger pupils to the lower classes, it is recognised that the sounder method is to build the school up gradually, allowing it to reconstruct itself by natural stages and avoiding a temptation to emphasise the importance of mere numbers.

Cost of Department.

The only Revenue collected by the Education Department comes from school fees, which amounted in 1925 to \$94,416.00 as against \$121,478.00 in 1924.

The Expenditure was \$1,019,905.23, an increase of \$85,980.58 over the previous year. These figures do not include Expenditure on School Buildings or Furniture which are debited to Public Works.

The increase is mainly due to an increase of \$36,500 in Personal Emoluments caused by the employment of more staff in the first half year; of \$15,000 for Fees and Maintenance for Students in Training at Hongkong University; of \$5,400 in Rent; of \$11,400 under Capitation Grants; of \$3,400 in the subsidies paid to Vernacular Schools; and of \$10,000 under Building Grants.

Kowloon Apathy?

Regarding Technical Institute classes, gratifying reports, the report states, continue to be received of the good work done in various schools by teachers who have been trained in these classes.

In October an effort was made to establish Classes in Kowloon. The popular demand said to exist almost ceased as soon as provision was made to meet it. There were grounds for expecting that the Classes would be largely attended. In the result, Classes in Short-hand, Mathematics and French were formed and have continued with fair success; the Book-keeping Class is in a moribund condition. Preparations were made to open Classes in Practical and Theoretical Chemistry and in Physics—the number of applicants for admission did not justify the formation of the Classes; in Cookery, for which there was said to be a very great demand, there was not a single applicant; although a highly-qualified Teacher of long experience was prepared to take charge.

"FANATICAL."

**S.C.A. ON BOYCOTT
ISSUES.**

REPORT ON 1925.

Following are extracts from the report of the Secretariat For Chinese Affairs for 1925, submitted to Council to-day:—

The outstanding event of the year was, of course, the General Strike and subsequent Boycott, work in connection with which tended to dwarf completely the ordinary activities of the department. An outline of the history of this fanatical outburst is given elsewhere in the report, but it will not be fitting to let the year pass without special record of the wonderful spirit of loyalty and solidarity shown by the Chinese intelligentsia of the Colony in face of this great crisis.

Offers of service began to come in even before any calls were issued, and thereafter there was never the least difficulty in obtaining suitable volunteers for such varied posts as, postal, press and cable censors, assistants to the Food Controller, special police, special street guards and ferry-pass officers.

Helpers Pilloried.

And it must always be borne in mind that, for these volunteers, service meant much more than the actual work involved. They were instantly pilloried in Canton as "hunting dogs of British Imperialism", their assassination was openly advocated, and despite censorship threatening letters continually found their way to their addresses. Nevertheless there were no defections and the failure of the Moscow-Canton attack before this line of defence may fairly be said to have been the turning point of the campaign. The crisis was over, and we settled down confidently to a war of attrition.

Following are extracts taken from a report under the heading of "Labour":—

From April onwards reports of violent and inflammatory speeches were received almost daily, the texts being the oppression of China and China's labouring masses by the "Imperialism" and "capitalism" of the foreigner and his "hunting dogs," the "compradors" class and the general colour being "Red" of the hue associated with the "Third International." The Hoi Yuen (Seamen's Union) and the Head Labour Union (Association of Labour Unions) took a very prominent part in this agitation.

"Pitched Battles"

On June 15 ten representatives from the Head Labour Union and Hoi Yuen went to Canton, where they had an interview with Liu Chung Hoi, a powerful member of the new Government with strong communist views. It was reported that this man had instructed the Hongkong delegates to set a general strike in motion. Financial assistance was promised also support, food and shelter to all strikers coming to Canton. 24 hours after this meeting many secret meetings were reported to be taking place in unions and Boarding House in the Colony. Rumours were set about to the effect that pitched battles would take place in Hongkong and that the Colony would be burnt to the ground. People were advised to leave the Colony at once, otherwise they would be shot down by British Imperialists.

There were slight material changes in the general situation in September compared with August. The Boycott continued. Practically all factories in the Colony with the exception of the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co. who were working overtime, were working with half their pre-strike staff. The labour supply was, however, quickly approaching a parity with the reduced needs of the Colony and all serious anxiety on this score was definitely over by the middle of October, although there was still some shortage in the more skilled branches of labour.

THREE THEFTS.

Yesterday has been a busy day for thieves and snatchers.

A Chinese shopkeeper who was walking in Wing Lok Street suddenly found a cheque which he carried in his pocket snatched away by a man who made his escape in the direction of the Western Market. The cheque was on a Chinese Bank in favour of another man for \$678.78.

A rolled gold wrist watch valued at \$48 which a saloon steward of the s.s. "Empress of Canada" left in a box which he kept under his head as a pillow was found to have disappeared while he was asleep.

For about a week thieves are reported to have taken from May Road, Bowen Road and Garden Road, 600 feet of telegraph cable valued at \$400, the property of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

CANTON DESPATCH.

**CAPTURE OF YOCROW
REPORT.**

STRIKE DEMONSTRATION.

Under yesterday's date, the Canton Information Bureau issued the following through Reuter:—

"The General Staff at the front telegraphed that Yochow was captured on the 22nd instant and that the Nationalist forces are now advancing towards Wuchang and Hankow cities.

"A great demonstration was held to-day when the merchant, industrial, educational and labour delegations paraded the Canton streets protesting against the recent declaration by the Hongkong Governor that the Canton Strike Committee was a 'band of banditti and pirates.'"

"The claim to the capture of Yochow has been confirmed by semi-official sources.

"The 'parade' is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

ANOTHER DELUGE?

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tion to do something towards preventing these accidents which might almost be called avoidable. To the engineer, difficulties present themselves only to be overcome. It is not my province to point out in what manner they might be overcome but I suggest that if these cuttings on these roads were faced with stone or cement if these huge retaining walls were properly built and properly supervised during building so that they should not act merely as dams, if these nullahs could be trained or diverted, and if these threatening boulders could be removed by blasting, a great risk of the monotonous recurrence of these damages every year would be removed a great saving of money effected as well as loss of life and discomfort avoided.

A Modern "Atlas." I was told the other day that a report was made to the Public Works about a boulder which was sitting up a hill and threatening a house. The Public Works were warned that they would be held responsible, I believe. The reply that was received was that the Public Works were keeping it under observation. Now, when such possible danger has been pointed out to them, does it not seem rather casual that a department like the Public Works should make a reply of that kind, if I am correctly informed. One is almost tempted to think of the Director of Public Works watching this boulder and rushing to bear it on his shoulders like a modern Atlas when it shows signs of slipping.

Then, also, it seems to me that evident lessons to be derived from these damages are not always learned. For instance, the nullah that goes down Pedder Street and that wrecked the street during the storm is being re-built to the same dimensions as before, although on a previous occasion this nullah was also heavily damaged. Why could not the dimensions be made wider?

It is said that these rainstorms occur during high water and that the rising tide meets the rush of storm waters and so prevents it escaping into the sea. But surely if the nullah were made on a proper size from experience, already gained this ought not to be a factor.

Saving in the End.

I have also seen that these landslides occur pretty nearly always at the same place or in places closely adjoining previous ones and apart from the removal of the slipped soil nothing seems to be done. I have watched with great interest for months and months every day, coles on Stubbs Road near the Peak tram station where there has been a notable slip not yet righted; I have watched these coles sitting and gently patting the parapet with mud in the hope that the Egyptian sun would harden it so that it might last for centuries. But the same thing occurs every time. The next heavy rain that comes along causes a wash-out in the same place. And thus, not only is safety not secure but we have every year very large sums of money voted to effect what prove to be only temporary repairs.

I maintain that if a Commission was formed who would examine all these danger spots, they would be able to make recommendations which if acted upon might obviate these recurrent storm damages. It might be costly, but in the long run it would be cheap. I have therefore no hesitation in putting forward this resolution for the approval of the Council and for the consideration of the Government.

MOROS' MENACE.

CONFLICT WITH FILIPINOS
AVERTED.

INFANTRY INTERVENE.

Manila, Aug. 25. A conflict between Moros and Filipinos was barely averted at Zamboanga on Tuesday on the arrival of Colonel Carmi Thompson, when the Moros charged the Filipinos with having broken an agreement that each would share equally in welcoming the President's investigator.

Two thousand Filipinos assembled at the docks, but Colonel Luther Stevens, commanding the Constabulary, boarded Colonel Carmi Thompson's ship and informed him that it was dangerous to land before the Moros were pacified.

Two companies of infantry men while intervened and prevented the Moros attacking the Filipinos.

The Moros were disarmed, although they retained their knives.

Colonel Carmi Thompson later landed and said that he would cancel his visits, if necessary, to avert bloodshed.—Reuter.

FLYING IN FOGS.

A SERIES OF DARING
EXPERIMENTS.

RISKING DEATH.

Rugby, August 25. A series of 25 daring experiments, conducted by Flight-Lieutenant Schofield, for the purpose of removing the dangers of flying in a fog, are described in a technical report of the Aeronautical Research Committee.

Lieut. Schofield, with observers, tested a device designed to assure safety in landing, even when the ground is not visible, by making a descent with hands off the control levers.

The experiments were successful, but the report refers to the courage and judgment required by the pilot, who time after time risked death in obtaining the required data.—British Wireless Service.

CINEMA STAR.

BLACK SHIRTS GUARD
VALENTINO.

MUSSELI'S WREATH.

New York, Aug. 25. Undeterred by yesterday's crash and disorders in which numbers of people were injured, thousands of people congregated at the undertaker's establishment to catch a glimpse of Rudolph Valentino's body, which is embalmed and laid in full evening dress, his face and shoulders being exposed. Candles are burning at each corner. The bronze coffin, which is smothered with wreaths, including one from Signor Mussolini, is guarded by four fascists wearing black shirts.

An immense crowd of men, women, and children fled past the bier all day at the rate of 80 per minute.—Reuter.

KING FEISUL.

CONCLUDES VISIT TO
BRITAIN.

SON AT HARROW.

Rugby, August 25. King Feisal of Iraq concluded today his short visit to London and left Victoria by boat express on his way home.

His physician, and members of his suite accompanied him and among those at the station to say good-bye was his young son, who is at school at Harrow, and representatives of King George and the Government.—British Wireless Service.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

DEPOSIT SAVINGS BANK
WRECKED.

Pittsburg, August 24. His demand for \$2,000 being refused, a man hurled a bomb in the Farmers' Deposit Savings Bank, wrecking the interior of the building, whose sixteen storeys rocked with the violence of the explosion. The man's head was blown off, two bank policemen were seriously injured, whilst another score of persons were also injured.—Reuter.

CHANG CHIEN.

DEATH OF CHINESE
INDUSTRIALIST.

Shanghai, August 25. Mr. Chang Chi'en, a well-known Nantungchow industrial leader, is dead.—Reuter.

TANGIER.

A SPANISH NOTE TO
ITALY.

MUSSOLINI'S VIEW.

Rome, Aug. 25. According to the newspapers the Spanish Government has presented to the Foreign Ministry a Note on the Tangier question.

It is reported that this has been done on Signor Mussolini's suggestion that the problems of Tangier and Geneva require "greater precision and definitiveness."—Reuter.

INHERITANCE TAX.

ON ALL INHERITED
PROPERTIES OVER \$500.

Peking, August 13.—China is to have an inheritance tax. The regulations are said to have been agreed upon at a Cabinet meeting a few weeks ago. The regulations are to become effective next month, according to the "Shun Tien Shih Pao," copies of them having been sent to all provincial governments.

All inheritances over \$500 in value will be taxed. Inheritances valued at more than \$1,000 will take a higher rate of taxation, while inheritances valued at large amounts will be subject to special decisions by specially appointed provincial committees.

The new inheritance taxes will be levied on all inherited properties, whether movable or immovable.

No inheritance tax will be collected upon amounts expended on funeral expenses, royalties from writings of the recent posthumously published, or upon certain "special funds" which may have been set aside by the deceased in his or her last will and testament.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

MAY BE RECOGNISED
IN JAPAN.

Tokyo.—Breach of promise actions may soon be possible in Japan if the courts keep on liberalising the law towards a recognition of women's rights as they have been doing in the past few years. At present such an action could not be brought, even though a man under promise of marriage took his fiancée to his home and lived with her.

Such, it may be noted, is very frequently done in Japan, where trial marriages have been customary for centuries. Under Japanese law no girl is completely and legally married until her name has been formally inscribed in the family records of her husband, or near-by husband—even though she may have gone through a regular marriage ceremony in a regular temple. In very many cases, the man brings his bride home and keeps her with him until the family have had a good chance to look her over thoroughly. If wholly satisfied, her name is written into the record. If she becomes with child during the early period of the honeymoon, her chances of acceptance by the family increase a hundred fold. If she be not enterprising in this way, her chances are very much divided.

However, of late, court decisions have commenced to recognise that a woman has some rights in these practical trial marriages. Ten years ago Japan was startled by a court decision giving a woman who had been promised marriage and taken into the home of her fiancée, later to be sent away, a judgment for damages against the man, the judgment being rendered under that clause of Japanese law which allows damages for "infringement of female virtue." Plenty of like cases have followed, while one recent decision gave the woman damages even when her relations with the man had not extended to cohabitation. This judgment now stands alone, but if followed by others it will establish in Japan breach of promise suits in their literal sense.

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ROUGH JUSTICE.

SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF
BROKERS AT MUKDEN.

FIVE MORE ARRESTED.

Mukden, August 19.—Five more leading Chinese exchange-brokers in the native city were arrested by the Mukden authorities this morning. Five prominent Chinese exchange-brokers and dealers in special products, who were arrested some time ago by the Chinese authorities, are reported to have been shot at 11 o'clock this morning on the execution ground outside the city. Another report has it that the Chinese authorities, fearing public agitation, secretly executed the five merchants. Owing to rumours, even the Chinese merchants residing in the South Manchuria Railway zone have become panic-stricken, besides the merchants residing in the native city. Many people have already taken refuge in the regions along the South Manchuria Railway as well as in Dairen.

"SUN OF MY LIFE."

SALVATIONIST LASS IN A
TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Love, religion, romance, and illicit passion—all these elements are interwoven in the killing of Mrs. Harriet Vickers, 25, a fascinating brunette, by Paul Thurstan, director of the Camden Philharmonic Orchestra, in New Jersey.

Four years ago, Mrs. Vickers was a Salvation Army lass, playing the tambourine at street corners, and, with her husband, worked to reclaim the fallen. To them came Thurstan, young and good-looking, but, to use his own words, "greatly burdened by sin and literally down-and-out." The Vickers couple fed and housed the stranger, but were never quite certain that they had been able to save his soul, albeit for a time Thurstan displayed his musical ability in the Army barracks, and joined with the others in the drive against sin and Satan. Thurstan admits he became madly in love with the pretty Salvation lass, and urged her to forsake her husband and follow him.

"With you," he said, "I shall be for ever saved, but if you don't help me with your love and live with me, I shall be for ever damned." Things came to such a pass that the Vickers couple left the Salvation Army and went to another town. For a time there seems to have been a contest between earthly love and spiritual, and, apparently, the former won. Thurstan wrote most romantic notes, and played the violin so beautifully that all the girls simply went mad over him. "There's time to be saved later," he wrote in one ardent letter, "but now's the time for you and me. No matter what you do or say, I'll follow you to the grave. I cannot live without you. Sun of my life, don't fail me. You have left me to better ways, don't leave me to myself." Finally, Mrs. Vickers left her husband by agreement, and went to live with Thurstan. All went well for a time, but the former Salvationist longed to return to her husband and two children. She was obsessed, also, by a sense of deep sin, and wanted to make amends and live her life anew. She overcame her affection for the man she had befriended when he was down and out, and went back to her husband. It was because she resisted Thurstan's passionate pleading that she should leave her husband again and return to him, that Thurstan says, in a confession to the police, he resolved to kill the woman.

There was a final meeting between the couple, when Thurstan threatened he would shoot her and then himself if she did not return to him. "The thought that you can be anybody else's sweetheart but mine," he declared, "drives me mad." Mrs. Vickers refused all his entreaties, whereupon he produced a revolver and fired two shots into her lungs, but omitted to shoot himself. Thurstan was drunk when arrested, but says he was completely sober and sane at the time of the murder. Mrs. Vickers lingered a few days, and died repentant, in the presence of her husband and two children—a boy of seven and a girl of six. "I forgive all who have done me wrong," she said, "as I hope also to be forgiven. If only I had remained in the Army this would never have happened." Thurstan is now charged with murder.

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SUN CHUAN-FANG.

KEEN SPECULATION IN
PEKING.

UNEASINESS OVER TWO PS.

Peking, August 20.—Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's position in Kiangsi continues to be the subject of keen speculation locally. Telegrams from Nanking state that he has requisitioned two steamers belonging to the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. for the transportation of reinforcements, but the Marshal is said to be confident that strategic reasons will prevent the main Cantonese force from invading the Province.

It is predicted that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang will maintain a policy of "pacifying anmin" or armed neutrality.—Reuter.

Chinese Local View.

Will the provinces under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang be involved in further civil warfare? This is a question which has been creating considerable anxiety in all circles and there seems to be little doubt but that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang will be drawn into the struggle if Kiangsi, which is one of the five provinces under his jurisdiction, is invaded by the Cantonese anti-northern expeditionary army under the command of the Red Chekiang dictator, General Chiang Kai-shek, or if the Allied forces actually carry out their threat to suppress the Kuomintang army; now that Nankow has been taken.

Telegrams have already been sent by the score to General Chiang Kai-shek to attack Marshal Sun's territory in order to avoid trouble and hundreds of telegraphic messages have been despatched to Marshal Sun appealing to him to maintain peace and order in these provinces and defend them only in case of attack.

To General Chiang, they say that they sympathise with his aspirations to drive out the "national traitors" and to establish a real and model government in China, but the senders of the telegrams cannot bear to see the country in chaos and the people suffering more, as they already have suffered too much.

Marshal Sun's Preparations.

The northern army having disposed of the Kuomintang in the north will, it is said, now devote their energies towards suppressing the Cantonese and the Hunanese anti-northern expeditionary army. That being the case, it is believed, Marshal Sun cannot remain on the fence any longer, whether the Kuomintang army attacks him in Kiangsi or not.

It is known that, for some time past, Marshal Sun has been commandeering Chinese steamers and small craft for transportation purposes and impressing coolies into his army. These, together with a large force, have already been sent to the Kiangsi borders but exactly how many soldiers have been despatched to that front is not known.

During the last few days, Marshal Sun has moved a number of cannon, machine guns, rifles, and a large quantity of ammunition from the Kiangnan Arsenal in Shanghai, which, by the way, is now working night and day, to Nanking for transportation to Kiangsi. Only yesterday, four field guns, several hundred rifles and 500 boxes of ammunition were removed to Nanking and today, it is stated, another large shipment will be sent to the provincial capital. In addition to these, Marshal Sun has ordered from firms more than 10,000 bags of flour, several thousand uniforms, and a large quantity of straw shoes and oil paper umbrellas.

The Enemies of Canton.

The Cantonese forces admittedly are large and powerful, but at the present time they are finding it difficult to obey General Chiang Kai-shek's order to capture Wuchang and Hankow in 70 days, more than 30 of which have already passed. Apart from contending with the enemy, they are hampered by the bandits of Hunan, Kuangtung and Kuangsi, as well as by the floods of Hunan. Numerous cases of cholera and other summer diseases have been reported in the Cantonese army. Further, Gen. Chiang has to be careful of a rear flank attack by Gen. Tang Chi-yao, Tsuchun of Yunnan, who has threatened to attack Kuangsi, nominally in support of Marshal Wu, but really to extend his own scope of influence. Gen. Tang was at one time allied with the Canton Government, but is now an open enemy because his succession to the leadership after the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was opposed. Gen. Chiang will also be threatened with possible flank movements from Fukien and Kuangsi.

The Uncertain Tupsans.

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STRIKE GESTURES.

CURRENT DEMONSTRATIONS
AT CANTON.

FIVE RESOLUTIONS.

An important convention was held at Kuomintang Headquarters, Canton, on Sunday in connection with the "Hongkong strike."

Over 500 were present, states a Chinese report, representing over a hundred organisations.

Mr. Eugene Chen outlined the official negotiations with Hongkong and Mr. Tang Chung-ha read a report on the position of the Strike Executive.

Five resolutions were passed, as follows:—

(1)—All communities to support the strike by making monthly contributions. The Government to be petitioned for financial help, and to be asked not to hand out Treasury notes (instead of cash?).

(2)—The Government to be petitioned for more arms for the strike pickets to preserve the boycott, etc., and preserve order in the rear.

(3)—Hasten the construction of Whampoa port, proceed with development and thus assist unemployed.

(4)—Enlarge the scope of the anti-British boycott, rendering Hongkong a desert island; the four Chambers of Commerce (of Canton), on their own initiative to take steps to deal with "traitor" merchants, and resolutely not to buy from nor sell to British subjects.

(5)—Support the strike to the end.

A programme for a week of activities was also adopted.

A scheme has been mapped out for selling medals and "door strips" (of paper) for strike funds. The programme also includes amusement nights at various places, the presentation of souvenirs to strikers, and for a mass parade in the city yesterday.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

August 26—Queen's Theatre: "Spit Fire."

August 26—Star Theatre: "Roaring Rails."

August 26—World Theatre: "When A Man's A Man."

August 28—Repulse Bay Hotel: "Carnival."

September 1—Ruth St. Dennis: Ted Shawn and the Dennyshawn Dancers will appear at the Queen's Theatre.

September 24—Promenade Concert by the H.K.V.D.C. Infantry Co. on the Parade Ground at Corps Headquarters.

Auctions.

August 27—At Nos. 6 and 7 Aimal Villas, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, Lammert Bros. will auction valuable household furniture and a quantity of sundries, 2.45 p.m.

August 28—At Messrs. Lammert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell St., one case fashors and a quantity of miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

August 27—Meeting of the Hongkong Rugby Football Club in Messrs. Jardine's board room to elect officers for next season, 5.30 p.m.

August 30—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League in the H.K.C.C. pavilion, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 28—Opening of a new 5-storied building by the Wing On Co., Ltd., at No. 186, Connaught Road West, 11 a.m.

It is far from secure. As almost half a dozen recalcitrant generals and the Chekiang provincial troops are far from loyal to him, he can only depend on the support of his leaders, Gen. Lu Hsiang-ting (Tupan of Chekiang) and Meng Chao-yueh (Commissioner of Defence at Nanking), whose forces, together with his own, are comparatively small.

According to Chinese information the Tupsans of Fukien (Gen. Chow Yin-jen, Anhui (Chen Tiao-yuan) and Kiangsi (Teng Yu-dzo), have but one desire, and that is to retain their positions, regardless of the fact that they owe these to Marshal Sun. Of course, it is possible that Tupan Chow of Fukien will support Marshal Sun, but the same cannot be said with any security of the two others.

The Chekiang provincial troops are also said to be very uncertain supporters of Marshal Sun. The Chinese Navy, or whatever might be described as such, has been moving gunboats up the Yangtze River in anticipation of the attack on Hankow and Wuchang by the southern army. While their sympathies are with Marshal Sun, the leaders of the Navy are loyal to Admiral Tu Shi-kuei, the Acting Peking Premier, and Marshal Wu Pei-fu, so, whether or not, Marshal Sun enters the war the Navy may be counted on to fight the South-erners.

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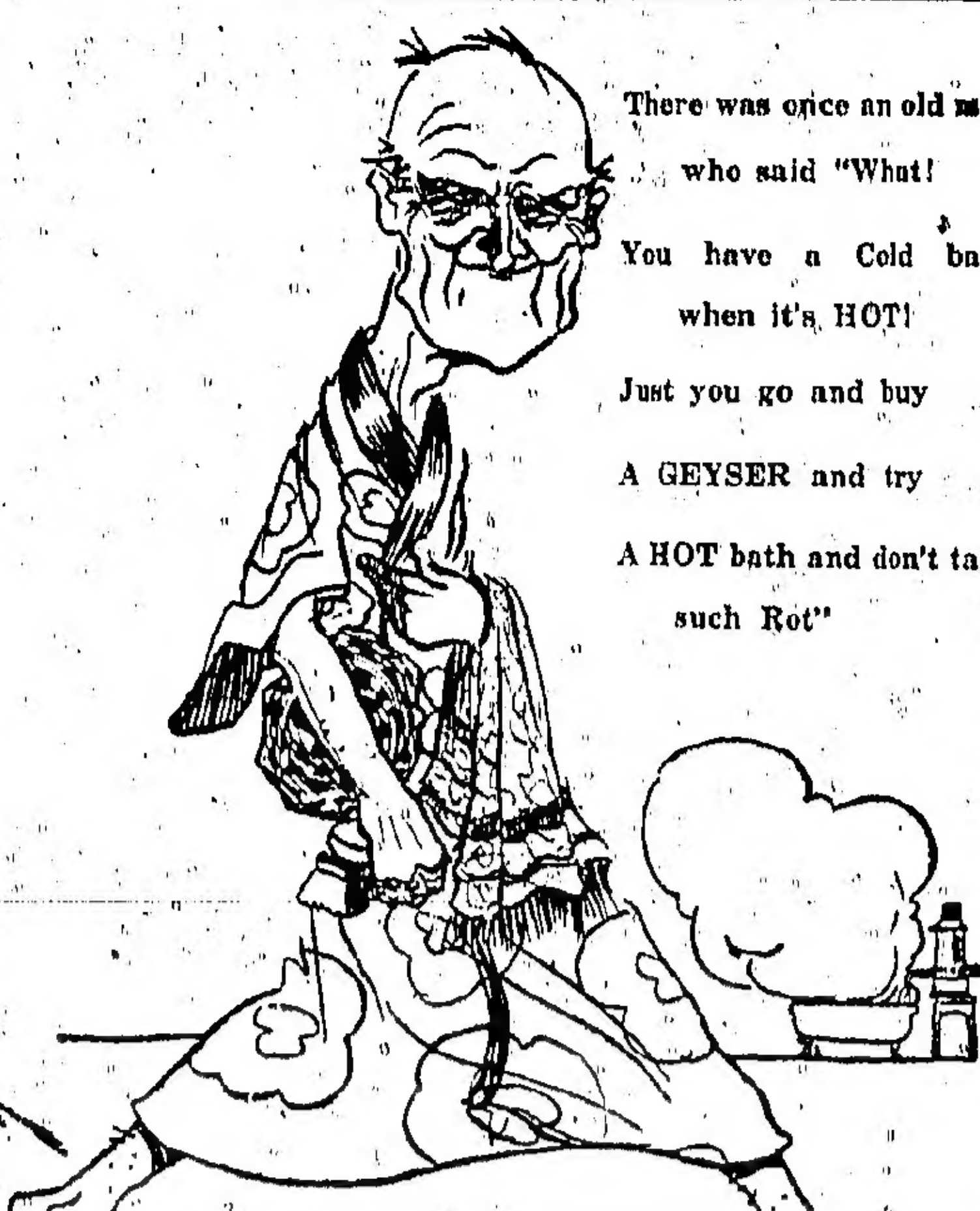
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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No. 606 Queen's Road, West, was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday, Mr. Chan Kam becoming the purchaser, at the price of \$10,300, \$300 above the opening price. The property has an area of 739 square feet and an annual Crown rental of \$15.

Nohara Kesahei, aged 51, dealer in gramophones, Gushokucho, Kyobashi, Tokyo, climbed on a bicycle as far as the third station of Mount Fuji. The following morning he reached the summit carrying the vehicle on his shoulders, and descended on the bicycle from the eighth station. This is the first ascent of Fujiyama on a bicycle.

A Chinese, believed to be the same man who stole a handbag from Miss Mackay on Monday afternoon and later made an attempt to rob Miss Laval, is reported to have made a third attempt the next day to steal a handbag from Mrs. Albuquerque Castro, who with her daughter were on their way back to their home on May Road. The thief failed to secure the bag and ran away in the direction of Bowen Road.

Berlin, August 16.—Police of Hungary are making a nationwide search for a mysterious foreigner who is believed to have been the incendiary who started the \$4,000,000 explosion and holocaust on the Island of Chapel last week. The investigation by an official commission clearly points to an incendiary origin of the fire and the terrific explosions of gunpowder. The person who committed the crime knew just the right place in the arsenal to start a fire which would ignite thousands of tons of gunpowder. The foreigner suspected called at the plant several times prior to the explosion claiming to be representing a foreign power which sought to purchase explosives.

One case of enteric fever was reported on Tuesday. The patient was a Chinese from the city district.

A committee of the Singapore Municipal Commissioners has disapproved the suggested appointment of European sub-officers in the Fire Brigade.

Mexico City, July 30.—Unofficial figures obtained at the archbishopric offices give an estimate of between 20,000 and 25,000 Catholic priests stationed in about 12,000 churches throughout Mexico. These represent a Roman Catholic population of probably 10,000,000 who will be affected by the suspension of church services on Sunday next. Accurate statistics do not exist. One point in the present controversy is the Government's desire to obtain precisely this information through the registration of all priests by the municipal authorities.

Washington, August 13.—Two hundred and seventy-eight ensigns who took a two and a half months course in aviation at the Annapolis Naval Academy will be distributed among the ships of the fleet on August 15, the Navy Department announced today. A class of 100 is being trained in flying at Pensacola, Florida, and also a training course is maintained at San Diego, Calif., and at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

Paul Smith's, New York, August 13.—President Coolidge today conferred with Herbert Hoover, Secretary of commerce, to aid the agricultural and textile industries in which conditions are below the general economic level. Details are withheld but such steps were taken tentatively through banks, insurance and mortgage loans. Secretary Hoover reported that foreign trade was the same as prior to the war, English business with America showing a slight gain, while France and Germany showed a slight loss. The exports of America were 37 per cent. greater than prior to the war and the imports 37 per cent. greater. There was a large increase in the cost of imported rubber last year.

Montreal, July 17.—Mr. Herbert F. Williams, of Port Talbot, Ontario, while motoring from Wardsville to London, Ontario, collided with two brown bears, injuring one so badly that he despatched it with a hammer. The other bear scurried off.

Peking, August 12.—The "Yi Shih Pao" has a message from Peking to the effect that General Wang Wei-cheng will go to Hantan to review his troops. He will proceed from Hantan to Wuan and Chichow, to review cavalry and artillery. The gentry of the districts are preparing to welcome him.

A beginning of the legalisation of birth control in Soviet Russia has been made at Leningrad, where the Health Department has opened a number of clinics for giving advice on the subject. Information will be given to women whose means are insufficient to enable them to keep a family, or who are regarded as constitutionally unfit for the bearing of children.

Peking, August 12.—Having learned that the Ministry of Finance has received twenty per cent. of one month's salary, the Peking Garrison Headquarters, and the Peking Gendarmes are eager for more money. According to the "Shih Chieh Yi Pao" they sent representatives to the ministry to interview Dr. Koo. They were received by Mr. Chu Hsuan-ying, who promised that he would communicate their request to the minister.

Several countries are ordering a number of light aeroplanes of the De Havilland "Moth" type, which continues to provide proof of its trustworthiness. Continental Governments have been greatly impressed by the performance of the British light machines fitted with 27 h.p. air-cooled engines, and the success of a machine of this description in the race of 1,500 miles for the King's Cup is expected to lead to the adoption of the "Moth" as the preliminary training machine by more than one Continental Power which is developing its military air strength.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Ipo, August 17.—The death occurred on Monday of Mr. D. H. Morrison, manager of Gungong Rapat estate, after a brief illness. The funeral took place today at Batu Gajah the Rev. Graham White officiating and a large gathering of friends being present.

Mr. A. Landau, who has recently been appointed to the management of the Cafe Parisien, has now arrived in the Colony to take up his new post. Mr. Landau has had much experience in his work, more especially in Shanghai, where for a time he was connected with the Palace Hotel. Mr. Landau intends introducing several new features at the Cafe Parisien, the proprietors of which are fortunate in securing his services.

The marriage took place on August 19, at the City Office and later at the home of the Rev. Mr. Fulton of Eta Belle Grimes and Edward Frost McFarland. Mr. McFarland, who has been at the Northern Presbyterian Mission station at Taifu for the past 25 years, came over from Korea to meet Miss Grimes, who arrived from Vancouver aboard the "Empress of Canada" on August 16. Miss Grimes returned from furlough after six years at the Taifu Mission station.

Kobe, August 19.—"Mrs. Holmes," formerly the wife of Shiko Tsubouchi, the playwright, and later consort of Mr. Joji Hashiba, San Francisco dentist, is reported by the Japanese newspapers to have attempted to commit suicide in the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, last week. She was found unconscious in her room on the afternoon of the 12th, but it seems somewhat remarkable that not until this morning's papers has any word of the attempted suicide appeared in the Japanese press.

Kobe, August 19.—A telegram received from Nagasaki announces that S. G. Monseigneur, J. C. Combaz, the Catholic Bishop in that city, died yesterday at 10 a.m. Mr. Combaz was born 70 years ago at Chambéry. He came to the Far East in 1880. After having been director of the Seminary, he was for many years Bishop of the Catholic Mission. He was well known for his courtesy and high culture. The death of Mr. Combaz will be deeply regretted by the members of his Mission, and by all those who were acquainted with him.

Miss E. McKaughan, for several months representative in Kobe for the "Japan Times," is a passenger aboard the "Tenyo Maru" bound for Honolulu, where she will take up a newspaper appointment.

Berlin, August 14.—President Hindenburg, having in view public peace, would ask the ex-emperor to intervene in the question of indemnities to the ex-ruling Houses, so as to induce them to be more moderate.

Rubber-growers from the Federated Malay States, assembled at the third annual dinner of the Incorporated Society of Planters of Malaya, at New Prince's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on July 16, were warm in the praises of the beneficial way in which the Stevenson scheme was working.

Peking, August 14.—Mr. Wu Lai-hai, ex-Editor of the "Peking Daily News," which recently suspended publication on account of financial pressure, has accepted the offer of Editorship of the "Far Eastern Times" (English) and he is leaving for Tientsin immediately. Mr. Wu has been given full powers to reorganise the paper by the Fengtien leaders with a view to making it stand on its own feet financially.

Peking, August 12.—Rev. Tai Hsu, who has just finished his series of lectures on Buddhist subjects in Central Park, left for Shanghai yesterday morning. About fifty priests and friends bade farewell to the Buddhist preacher at the station. Rev. Tai Hsu has prepared fans with both his portrait and his own handwriting to be presented to those who attended all of his lectures in Central Park.—Kuo Wen.

Mr. Reginald Fernando, who has been appointed Managing Editor of the "Malayan Daily Express," a new Malayan daily newspaper which is to be started in Kuala Lumpur next year, passed through Penang by the P. & O. "Delta" on his way to England to purchase the necessary plant and machinery. The first issue of the new paper will be published on January 2, 1927. The company, which is to publish the paper, went into allotment recently, and had been well supported. Since the issuing of the prospectus on July 14, the Board has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. Loh Kim-sui, J.P. of Malacca, Mr. Louis Thivy of Kuala Kangsar and Mr. San Ah-wing, J.P. of Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. John C. Hudson, for the past 26 years editor of the "Salisbury Times," will be Mayor of Salisbury next year.

Cte. de Seey-Montbellard, Chancellor of the French Consulate, Singapore, is at present on route for Europe on leave, having left by the "Paul Leat." He will be away about six months.

While golfing at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, on July 17, a player named Bird drove his ball to the green, but before he could take his putt a crow swooped down and carried the ball away. The crow dropped the ball on the edge of a plantation 150 yards away. Mr. Bird lost the match.

Peking, August 13.—In connection with the establishment of a Foreign Office in Mukden for the settlement of all diplomatic affairs there, the British Consul there has hesitated to agree to the arrangement as he thinks that it would be necessary to refer all decisions to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for final approval.

Miss L. E. H. Willson, formerly teacher in St. Andrew's Boys' School, Singapore, has been appointed House Secretary of the new Y.W.C.A. Hostel in Penang, and commences her duties on September 1. Miss Dora Holland joins the staff of the Singapore Y.W.C.A. on September 1, taking the place of Miss Vera Orth, who recently left for home on account of illness.

Peking, August 14.—General Tang Chi-yao, Tapan of Yunnan, has addressed a telegram to Marshal Wu Pei-fu expressing his readiness to co-operate with him in the Anti-Red campaign. General Tang says that he cannot afford to see the Chinese bolshevized in view of the part which he played in the fourth year of the Republic when he together with General Tai Ao rose against Yuan Shih-kai to oppose his attempt to make it a monarchy.

Peking, August 14.—Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Chinese representative at Geneva, has wired to the Walchlaupf urging the immediate payment of China's contributions for the maintenance of the League of Nations. According to Mr. Chu, owing to the non-payment of yearly contributions during the several years, China's position among the Powers has been affected. This was partially responsible for China's loss of her non-permanent seat on the League Council, adds Mr. Chu.

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SPORTS SECTION

CRICKET MISSIONS.

TWO M.C.C. TEAMS GOING ABROAD.

THOSE SELECTED.

London, Aug. 25.
The Marylebone C.C. team to leave London about September 24, for the cricket tour of India during the winter, will comprise:—
A. E. R. Gilligan (Sussex) captain.
Tate, M. W. (Sussex).
Major R. Chichester-Constable (Yorkshire 2nd XI).
M. L. Hill (Somerset), a wicket-keeper.
G. F. Earle (Somerset).
P. T. Ekersley (acting captain of Lancashire).
R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwick).
Root, F. (Worcester).
Brown, G. (Hampshire).
Boyes, G. S. (Hampshire).
Astill, W. E. (Leicester).
Parsons, J. H. (Warwick).
Sandham, A. (Sussex).

Brown can also keep wicket. Gilligan has been England's captain, can bat, and is recovering his fast bowling. Tate is England's best bowler. Hill has "kept" for the Gentlemen.

Earle is a minor Jenson. Wyatt opened for the Gentlemen this year and is a bowler. Root is the leg theory expert. Boyes bowls left-handed for Hants.

Astill is an all-rounder. Parsons a batsman and Sandham goes in first, with Hobbs, for Surrey.

Another Team.

VETERAN AS CAPTAIN FOR ARGENTINE.

ALSO A. W. CARR.

London, Aug. 25.
The following have accepted the invitation of the M.C.C. to visit the Argentine during the winter:—

P. F. Warner (former England and Middlesex captain, and Test Selector), captain.

F. T. Mann (captain of Middlesex, and captain of England in South Africa on last tour there).

N. Haig (Middlesex).

Lord Dunglass (Middlesex).

G. O. Allen (Middlesex).

J. C. White (captain of Somerset and who played in the 1921 Tests).

Captain Stanyforth of the Army.

A. W. Carr (captain of Notts and ex-captain of England).

M. F. S. Jewell (Worcester).

There are two Jacksons in the Derby team. G. R. the captain, and A. H. M.

Captain T. O. Jameson (Hampshire and the Army).

H. P. Miles.

—Reuter.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

The U.S.R.C. (on their own courts) met the Chinese R.C. in division "B" of the Tennis League yesterday and lost by 10 games.

Scores:—

Dr. Newton and Hunot beat C. Choa and Lau Man-kwong 6-5

lost to Kwok Po-kun and Lau Fook-ki 4-7

lost to H. S. Lee and Lau Man-ching 3-8

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Lt. Larkcom and Lt. Smith beat C. Choa and Lau Man-kwong 7-4

lost to Kwok Po-kun and Lau Fook-ki 5-6

lost to H. S. Lee and Lau Man-ching 4-7

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Capt. Howard and Lt. Maude, lost to C. Choa and Lau Man-kwong 2-9

lost to Kwok Po-kun and Lau Fook-ki 4-7

lost to H. S. Lee and Lau Man-ching 5-6

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U.S.R.C. 40 games, C.R.C. 59.

HOCKEY FIXTURE.

The following will represent the Wanderers in a hockey match against the 5th/2nd Punjab at the Marina ground to-day at 5.30 p.m. (in whites).—Sgt. Clark, R.A.

Lt. J. H. Smith, R.A., C. L. R. Beecher, Lt. A. Maude, R.N.

E. J. R. Mitchell, F. B. Jones, Lt. Armstrong, R.N., B. R. Forster, Lt. E. J. Larkcom, R.E., Lt. Clark, R.N.

and G. P. Lamert.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

KENT KNOCK UP A GOOD SCORE.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

A. P. F. Chapman, who in his first match as captain of England won the toss against the Australians and skipped the side that recovered the "Ashes," is still a "joss" man.

He has beaten the Aussies again in a col-apinning, and his side put up a good score.

W. S. Cornwallis is captain of Kent this season, but Chapman led the side for this match.

London, August 25.

At Canterbury, first day's play, Kent v. the Australians:—

There were 12,000 spectators.

The weather was sultry and the wicket good. Captain of Kent for the match, Chapman won the toss and elected to bat.

Battling all day, Kent were dismissed just before stumps were drawn for 321 runs.

Woolley (F.E.), who played in all five Tests, made 64.

J. L. Bryan, who went to Australia under Gilligan, scored 61.

Hardinge, who played in the 1921 Tests, contributed 62.

Ashdown, the Kent "pro," made 32, and Chapman 36.

A. A. Mailey took 6 wickets for 133 runs.—Reuter.

Play continues to-day and to-morrow.

FANLING HUNT.

DR. PIERCE GROVE GOING ON LEAVE.

Dr. F. Pierce Grove, who with Mr. H. Birkett, is Joint Master of the Fanling Hunt, is going on home leave shortly.

His son, Mr. F. C. Pierce Grove, is Master of the Cambridge University Drag.

For the steeplechase meetings at Kwanti, Dr. Pierce Grove has acted as Clerk of the Course. This position will be held, in his absence, by Mr. A. H. Potts.

Mr. Birkett has books of railway tickets, at \$13.50 each, similar to those supplied by the K.C.R. to the Golf Club. The same privilege has been extended to members of the Hunt.

Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. have presented fertilizing material to the value of over \$700 to the Hunt, and the course is greatly improved.

A meeting of subscribers will be held soon.

BASEBALL VISIT.

CHINESE TEAM COMING FROM SHANGHAI?

The Shanghai Chinese baseball team, considered very strong, may pay a visit to Hongkong.

The Hongkong Baseball Association have the matter under consideration.

South China A.A. (local league champions) have promised to help in bringing the team down to play a series of matches here.

If the visit comes off, the "interport" matches may be played next month.

Mr. Richard Shim (baseball committee) and Mr. Choy Kin-yung (general committee), both of the South China A.A. called a meeting yesterday to discuss the matter.

BOXING MARQUIS.

The Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, son of the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, may come to Hongkong from Australia next month by the a.s. "Taiping."

Accompanying the Boxing Marquis is Egan, the Oxford Rhodes scholar who is a heavyweight.

The Marquis (also a "Varsity boxer") can do the welterweight.

It is hoped to match up these two amateurs with local talent, under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association.

INTER-HONG BOWLS.

Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., defeated Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., in an inter-hong lawn bowls match on the Craigengower C.C. green yesterday by 19 shots to 15.

Eighteen heads were played. The teams were:—

Tramway: Clow, Glover, Henderson and Gillard (skip).

Electric: Vickers, Paul, Webster and Muskett (skip).

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

V. R. C. (championship holders) defeated Club de Recreio in the Water Polo League yesterday by 3 goals to 1. Marcal scored for the losers.

The winners' marksmen were Laing (2) and Lyon.

LOCAL TURF.

EXTRA RACE MEETING IN OCTOBER.

AUTUMN SEASON.

What may be described as the autumn season of Hongkong flat racing has begun.

Two "extra" meetings are down in the Jockey Club calendar, to be held before the preparation during the winter for the annual "big" meeting after China New Year.

Last month's deluge upset the course at Happy Valley and it was at first estimated that about \$30,000 will be needed for repairs, &c.

For October 8, there are eight tentative events, as follows:—
5 furlongs (non-winners).
1/2 mile handicap (A and B. classes).

Aggregate Stakes (1 mile).
1 1/4 miles handicap (A and B. classes).

Polo pony scurry.

Fanling Hunt Race, 1 1/4 miles (ponies hunted at least once and to be ridden by subscribers).

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"HOPELESS."

SOLICITOR WITHDRAWS HIS CASE.

TAXI-DRIVER'S CLAIM.

This morning's sitting of the Summary Court must be somewhat of a record for its short duration—it occupied less than a minute.

Chung Sui, formerly employed by the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company as a driver, claimed \$1,000 made up of \$100 alleged by him to have been deposited with the Company, and \$900 damages for alleged breach of an agreement under which he was to have been employed for three years.

Upon his Honour Mr. Justice Wood's entry into court, Mr. W. R. Hind (for the driver) said that he had looked through the papers concerning the case and had come to the conclusion that it was hopeless to fight it. He therefore asked for leave to withdraw.

His Honour: With costs against you.

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People and Events in the News of the World



A resolution was introduced in the Senate asking Secretary of Agriculture Jardine to explain his reported connection with a Chicago school alleged to be teaching methods of beating rules of grain exchanges which Jardine himself made.



This is a section of the thousands of New York garment workers who recently struck for more pay.



Mr. William B. Wilson, a former U.S. Secretary of Labour, was offered a Federal job if he would quit the race for the Democratic Senatorial nomination, he told the Senate committee investigating the Pennsylvania primary.



SEN. WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY



MARY LEWIS



LOIS WEBER



WILLIAM GREEN

The name of Senator William B. McKinley was mentioned in connection with the dismissal of a dry agent who claimed to have investigated his secretary, Mary Lewis, young American singer, was well received in her Paris debut. Lois Weber, leading woman cinema director, has married Captain Harry Grant, an orange grower. Aid for striking miners in Britain is being asked by Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor.



Jack Redmond, golf professional, inaugurated the new course of the Blenheim Golf Club, Long Island, by driving from the 18th tee. Miss Marie Greer cheerfully loaned her head for use as a tee, this being one of the very few times that such a shot has been actually made. An interested crowd watched the feat.



Mr. Frederick C. Baird, former prohibition director for Western Pennsylvania, is alleged to have violated the law in accepting money from private sources to enforce Prohibition.



Bobby Jones, walked from the Battery to the New York City Hall, preferring walking to riding in a motor car. Thousands welcomed the new golf champion on his return from Britain.



Representative Fiorella H. La Guardia, of New York, promised his fellow members that he could make 275 beer in his office at the Capital, and he is here shown brewing it. It is composed of a mixture of medicinal beer and near-beer, and, according to old brewers and newspapermen who tasted it, is the real thing.



John Goldstrom, aviator-writer, began his race against time around the world, sailing at exactly 5 p.m. on May 19, on the ocean's fastest greyhound, the s.s. Mauretania, for the first lap of the trip. The photo shows Goldstrom (left) shaking hands with Captain Roston, who gained lasting fame for his rescue of the Titanic survivors, while John H. Mears, who holds the world's record for circling the globe in 35 days, 21 minutes, 35 4-5 seconds, looks on. Goldstrom, using ships, trains and planes, completes the trip in 81 days.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

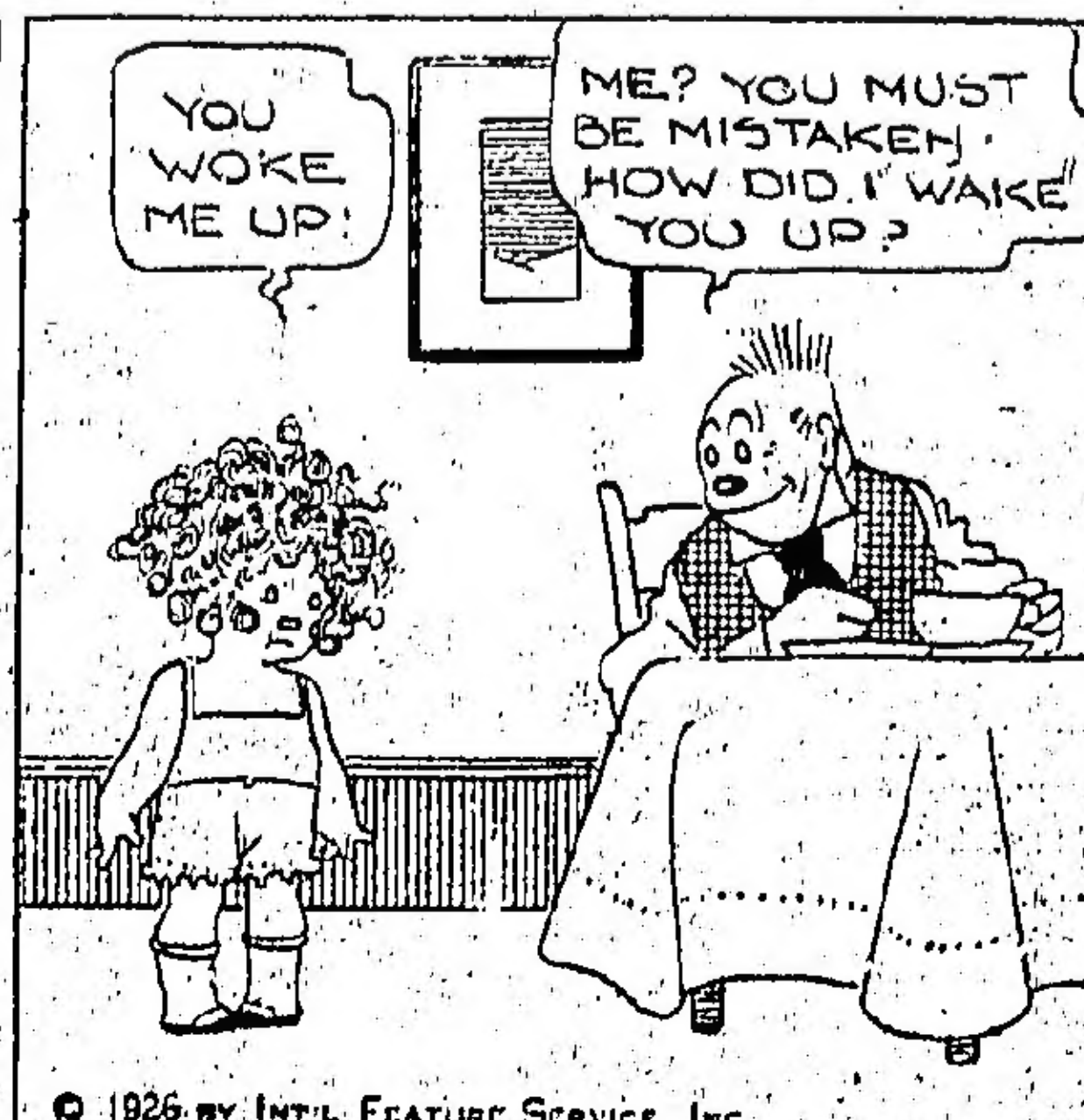
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RAILWAY REPORT.

HOW BRITISH SECTION FARED IN 1925.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The following items are extracted from the annual report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) for 1925, by Mr. H. P. Winslow, Manager:

The amount provided for the year 1925 under Special Expenditure was \$518,160 and during the year at various times other amounts were voted, making a total of \$604,827.13. A sum of \$338,000 was included for the purchase of six new carriages, but \$231,107.83 lapsed, as only part of the cost of these carriages was paid by the Crown Agents during 1925. It was decided to postpone the extension of the carriage shed, and \$79,830 was not required. Part only of the work of surfacing platforms at out-stations was carried out and \$4,301.57 lapsed under that sub-head. As the extension to workshops cost less than anticipated, a saving was made of \$4,484.57. Owing to non-arrival of spares for locomotives \$13,990.27 was not required. \$2,000 provided for new fencing and gates at Tai-po. Market Station was unexpended as the materials did not arrive from

| Year | Gross Receipts. | Working Expenses | Net Receipts. |
|------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1921 | \$603,980.77 | \$527,991.06 | + \$ 75,989.71 |
| 1922 | 710,295.75 | 562,144.35 | + 148,151.40 |
| 1923 | 474,721.73 | 523,513.13 | - 48,791.35 |
| 1924 | 420,186.15 | 507,814.42 | - 87,628.27 |
| 1925 | 490,578.31 | 529,901.49 | - 39,323.18 |

Through and Joint Sectional passengers: carried were as follows:—

| | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 |
|--|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|

Passengers booked at Stations in British Section to Stations in China including Lowu:—

Passengers booked at Stations in China including Lowu to Stations in British Territory

Lowu booking not included as formerly.

The local passengers carried were as follows:—

| 1923 | 1924 | 1925 |
|------|------|------|
|------|------|------|

Main Line: 951,001 1,177,234 1,082,821

Fanling Branch Line: 73,838 82,505 68,419

I regret to report the occurrence of an armed robbery in the shroffs office on the evening of September 25. The cash from out-stations arrived by train shortly after 6 p.m. as usual and was taken to the door of the shroffs office under the escort of an Indian Policeman who then left the building. The bags containing station receipts had been placed on the counter, and whilst the shroff was sorting papers, three men armed with revolvers suddenly appeared in the office, pushing in front of them the Chinese Watchman who had been sitting outside the door. The robbers then tied up and gagged the shroff, the watchman and the office coolie, and taking the key of the safe from the shroff's pocket, took all the money out of his safe, emptied the bags on the counter and escaped. Of the money stolen \$1,334.57 was taken from the shroff's safe, and \$389.04 from the bags of cash. The former sum in the shroff's safe was part of the Railway Imprest Cash of \$5,000. The loss is written off in the accounts for the current year, the amount being charged to Miscellaneous debits in the Income Account.

Accidents during the year are as follows:—

| | Main Line | Branch Line |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| Collisions | 2 | nil |
| Derailments | 2 | 3 |
| Engines | 2 | 1 |
| Split Points | 2 | 1 |

Involving death: 1 nil nil
Involving injury: 1 nil nil
Involving property: 3 " "

Both collisions occurred while shunting, one at Lowu, and the other at Hunghom near Bridge No. 2. One engine derailment occurred at the crossover road outside Kowloon Station, and the other at the North Points Tai-po, due to failure to lock the point lock of facing points. A passenger was killed at Tai-po Market Station while crossing the line in front of a train entering the station. One of the trespassers was a deaf and dumb coolie, and another an imbecile, the third was an unknown woman who was found on the line near No. 2 Tunnel.

SNAKE FARM.

AT PASTEUR INSTITUTE IN SINGAPORE.

It is doubtful if the Bangkok people fully appreciate the value of the Pasteur Institute. It is run on the most modern lines—and by the Siamese themselves, says the Bangkok correspondent of the "Straits Times."

Up to a short time ago a French doctor was at its head. But what probably is of the greatest interest is the snake farm run in conjunction with the Institute. I think I am right in saying that there are no more than four such farms in the whole world.

One is at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, one in South America (this was the first, I believe), one in Bangkok, while it is said there is one in India.

It is gratifying to think that in medical science Siam is so far advanced, in view of the readiness of outside people to regard her as backward. As a matter of fact, in many directions Siam can give a lead to any country in the East.

Hundreds of snakes are kept at the farm and periodically their poison is extracted. From this there is made an anti-snake poison serum.

As it happens there are not many poisonous snakes in Siam, but it is gratifying for Bangkok residents to know that even if they are so un-

fortunate as to be bitten by a death-dealing snake, they can dole him by rushing to the Pasteur Institute, where a very efficient young man will happily tell the victim that he is being rapidly stalked by death.

In the same breath he instructs you to prepare for the injection. All the preparation necessary is to give him a sufficient area of your body in which to inject the serum. These medical men prefer the abdomen for this little operation.

But as the action has to be swift and vigorous to counter the virulent poison of the snake that is moving through your system, and will of a surety take you to happier hunting grounds if not quickly stopped, the dose is large, and the syringe larger.

Two Hours' Anxiety.

When one, however, is faced with the alternative of death there is not so much as a murmur of objection at the operation. The next two hours are passed in deep anxiety.

Has the serum acted, or is that sickly feeling the deadly poison doing its fell work? That sickly feeling is caused by the shock, plus the serum, and the snake has bitten in vain.

But think of it were there no snake farm. Yet you do not have such institution down your way, and you manage to live fairly cheerful lives. The next time any one asserts that Siam is antiquated, you just mention snake farm.

LATE RUSSIAN TZAR.

TOMB OF ALEXANDER I. IS DISCOVERED EMPTY.

ANOTHER MYSTERY.

Berlin, July 11. Revelations have been made in the Russian journal "Slovo" that the Soviet Government in its hunt for jewels and documents recently ransacked the crypt in the church of the St. Paul fortress, in Leningrad, in which the remains of Peter the Great, the Great Catherine, Alexander I., and the later Romanoffs lie embalmed.

Special interest was attached to the opening of the coffin of Tsar Alexander. According to the historians he died at Taganrog, in South Russia, on December 1, 1825, but the popular belief has always been that Alexander I. did not die at this time, and that the body of some unknown person was buried in his stead, while he escaped in disguise to live for many years as a hermit in a remote monastery. He is said to have been recognised long afterwards in the person of a grey-bearded monk who was making a pilgrimage through Russia.

Strange to say, states "Slovo," the coffin of Alexander I. when opened was found by the Soviet workmen to be empty.

When the crypt was opened an old woman among the crowd of looters who had gathered round the gates of the fortress cried jeeringly to the workmen as they passed in, "Have a care, children, Catherine is a dangerous one to meddle with!"

Catherine was seen as she had last lain in state dressed in a gown of heavy pale blue silk and wearing pink silk stockings and dainty white satin slippers. An order studded with rubies, emeralds, and diamonds was fixed to the broad silk ribbon she wore across her breast, and below it a cross of sapphires. The dead Empress wore a diadem set with pearls and diamonds, surmounting the high white periwig.

An inventory was made by the officials present, and the coffin was carefully closed, since a telephone message had come from the Soviet authorities directing that the jewels should be allowed to remain where they were for the present.

A few days later the sarcophagus of Peter the Great was opened, and the figure of the founder of St. Petersburg was disclosed, still awe-inspiring even after all these years.

The superstitious workmen engaged in the task of opening the coffin involuntarily made the sign of the Cross at the sight of the once mighty Tsar. Despite the two hundred years that had passed since his death the thick grizzled hair of the Emperor was still unchanged.

The body was clad in a dark green military tunic, and on the feet were black leather cavalry boots.

BABY'S BATH.

A man went into a hardware shop and inquired "How much do you ask for a bath-tub for a child?"

"Ten and six," was the reply.

"W—h—e—r—e—" whistled the customer. "We'll have to go on washing the baby in the coal-scuttle till prices come down."

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OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | THURSDAY, AUGUST 26. | For | THURSDAY, AUGUST 26. | Times |
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| Fort Bayard | Saukang | 8.30 p.m. | | |
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| Shanghai | Saukang | 8.30 p.m. | | |
| Fookow | Saukang | 8.30 p.m. | | |
| | FRIDAY, AUGUST 27. | | | |
| Hobow and Balphong | Tau | 8.30 a.m. | | |
| Shanghai | Tau | 10.30 a.m. | | |
| Manila, Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island | | | | |
| due Thursday Island 11th Sept. | | | | |
| Parcel Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. | | | | |
| Amoy & Fookow | Tanda | 2.30 p.m. | | |
| Amoy | Halang | 5 p.m. | | |
| Bangkok | Tilawa | 5 p.m. | | |
| Shanghai | Kalgan | 5 p.m. | | |
| | Shanghai | 5 p.m. | | |
| | SATURDAY, AUGUST 28. | | | |
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| Wahaiwai | Fushimi Maru | 2 p.m. | | |
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| | SUNDAY, AUGUST 29. | | | |
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| | MONDAY, AUGUST 30. | | | |
| Amoy | Kingchow | 5 p.m. | | |
| Japan and Honolulu | Gidyo Maru | 10.30 a.m. | | |
| Shanghai and Japan | Adara | 12.30 p.m. | | |
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| Straits and Calcutta. Parcel Noon. Letters 1 p.m. | Namsang | 1 p.m. | | |
| | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. | | | |
| Batow | Rongow | 1.30 p.m. | | |
| Amoy | Kingchow | 5 p.m. | | |

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COAL DEADLOCK.

SITUATION APPEARS TO BE IMPROVING.

MR. COOK MOVES.

Rugby, August 25. The situation in the coalfields appears to be improving. Everything is reported as quiet at the Nottinghamshire pits. The police at Mansfield report that no pickets were on the streets and there were more miners returning to work. The figures for the Bolsover group of pits were 2,441 at this morning's shift, compared with 1,450 yesterday morning. Three pits have been opened in this area.—British Wireless Service.

Protection for Workers.

London, August 24. It is understood that the Home Office has drawn up plans for the movement of large numbers of police from London and other unaffected areas to the coalfields. A high official at the Home Office stated that the Home Secretary is determined that the utmost possible protection shall be provided to anyone willing to work and every effort will be made to combat with intimidation. The Home Office reports showed that the stories of intimidation and violence are exaggerated, but undoubtedly the situation was very difficult. There was no question of interference by any other bodies than the police.—Reuter.

A Development?

London, Aug. 25. The miners' leaders were conferring most actively in London to-day. Mr. A. J. Cook has requested an interview with Sir A. Steel-Maitland, Minister for Labour, who is on his way to London from Scotland.—Reuter.

FIRST OPEN MOVE.

Toward Opening Fresh Negotiations.

Rugby, Aug. 25. A request was to-day made by Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, that the Committee of Cabinet Ministers which has had the coal dispute under its special care would receive representatives of the miners.

The notification of this request was at once telegraphed to the Ministers, who are returning to London immediately for the meeting, which has been arranged for to-morrow.

During the last few days, in his endeavour to delay the return to work of men in the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas, Mr. Cook has referred in vague terms to impending developments, and has urged the men "not to return whilst we are negotiating."

Unofficial Negotiations. No reliable information about any negotiations has been available, although the newspapers have reported that conversations, which were begun with certain unofficial although influential persons connected with the mining industry prior to the recent abortive meeting between the Miners' Executive and the Mining Association were being resumed. The request to meet the Ministers is the first open move in the direction of further negotiations.

National Agreement. It is probable that the Miners' Executive will express a desire to discuss the possibility of obtaining a national agreement for the miners as distinct from district agreements, which the owners consider to be alone feasible.

The Government recently made it known to the Miners' Federation that Ministers were prepared to meet their representatives at any time they might desire.

Less Picketing.

There was less picketing to-day in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire areas, and a few miners reported for work.

The Home Office states that the stories of intimidation and violence by pickets are exaggerated, and that there is no question of other bodies than the Police being required to maintain order.

Foreign Coal.

The Mines Department reports that the foreign coal imported has increased from 520,000 tons in the week ended July 10 to 916,000 tons in the week ended August 21. The weekly output from the collieries in Great Britain is at present 200,000 tons, whilst it is estimated that the output workings yield weekly over 100,000 tons.—British Wireless Service.

LONG TRIP.

DUTCH SUBMARINE REACHES AMERICA.

SIX MONTHS' CRUISE.

San Francisco, Aug. 25. The Dutch submarine K13 arrived here on Tuesday. She will remain twelve days and return to Holland via the Dutch East Indies.—Reuter. American Service.

[The K13 left Amsterdam on May 13 on a six months' cruise to the Dutch East Indies. This is believed to be the longest trip ever undertaken by an unescorted submarine, and it is expected to arrive at Sourabaya on December 12. It will go via the Azores, Las Palmas, Curacao, the Panama Canal, San Francisco, Honolulu, Guam, Yap and Manila and take oceanographical observations en route. A cable from Horta, Azores, on June 8, reported:—The Dutch submarine K13 has arrived. She attained a top speed of 18 knots and is considered to have behaved well, proving that the new design is satisfactory.]

BOY SCOUTS.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Randersteg (Switzerland), Aug. 25.

The delegates of the thirty-two nations attending the Fourth International Congress of Boy Scouts, being held here this week, are very energetic. They have a full programme of lectures, debates, concerts, official dinners and mountain excursions.

General Baden Powell, in his opening speech, emphasised the importance of the movement in inculcating the spirit of peace in the young, which was the only way to abolish war. The remarkable increase in the membership by over three hundred thousand during the past two years, testified to their successful progress.

Many messages of enthusiastic sympathy with the movement have been received here from twelve Governments, including those from Sir Austen Chamberlain and Baron Shidehara, whilst General Bruce, of Mount Everest fame, who is here, is taking particular interest in the Scouts Alpine Club, of which the Prince of Wales is a member.—Reuter.

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POLAND'S CLAIM.

PERMANENT SEAT ON COUNCIL.

VIEWS IN GERMANY.

Warsaw, August 25.

The Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, is shortly going to Geneva to attend the meeting of the League of Nations. Poland's claim to a permanent seat on the Council is generally urged in the newspapers. The Radical journal Glosprawy, which is understood to be in touch with Marshal Pilsudski, says that it will be better for Poland to withdraw from the League than to accept an empty compromise on the subject of the reorganisation of the Council. The Dziennik Poznanski, the organ of the Posen farmers, declares that Poland cannot be content with anything less than a permanent seat as in the case of Germany. The Conservative Czas says that Poland's position will be improved if Spain insists upon having a permanent seat.—Reuter. Germany Anxious.

Berlin, Aug. 25. The forthcoming critical Assembly of the League of Nations is completely absorbing interest in political and diplomatic circles.

It is expected that the preliminary discussions on the composition of the Council, which so far have proceeded smoothly and amicably, will lead to a result enabling the Committee on the composition of the Council, which meets in Geneva on Monday, to frame a proposal agreeable to all parties.

The general opinion is that Lord Cecil's plan will be finally adopted as there is hardly any better solution.—Reuter.

WOOSUNG FORTS.

REPAIRS TO BE PRESSED FORWARD.

Shanghai, August 25. It is reported that instructions have been given to press forward the repairs at Woosung Forts, and new guns are to be mounted. Only one regiment of the Allied troops, the thirteenth, is in Shanghai district and it is said that this force has been notified that it may be required for service elsewhere.

Yesterday Lu Hsiang-tung, the Tungan of Chekiang, passed through Shanghai on his way to Nanking in order to confer with Sun Chuan-fan.—Reuter.

"Saving Face." Peking, August 25.

Chen Chia-mu is believed to be on the point of resigning his Tupsanship. This action is interpreted in Hankow as a "face-saving" measure in view of the Cantonese invasion of Hupeh.—Reuter.

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